



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

September 19, 2013

5:00 pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Paulette Renault-Caragianes (Health Director)

Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)

Babette Mello, Board Member

Paula Machado, Board Member

Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: None

Guests: Lily Sieradzki, Somerville Journal Intern

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello at 5:10pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado:

“The August 8, 2013 Minutes were approved as circulated.” **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Variance Request: None

Municipal Grounds Smoking Ordinance – was tabled till next month’s meeting.

Updates: Consultant, David Naparstek has provided the department with an outline draft of retail food safety strategic plan. The draft spoke about going to risk-base inspections. The full plan should be available to the board members for review by next meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Restaurant Inspections – August 2013: Kelly Diner’s has been having difficulty in complying with health codes. The Health Director recommended that they come to the next board meeting. Dr, Green made a motion to have a representative from Kelly Diner’s be present at the next Board of Health Meeting, Ms. Mello seconded it.

Health Department Updates: We are fully staff for school nurses, all schools are staff. The SKIP program for Somerville High has not opened up yet. Spanish classes for the school nurses will be offered in October. The classes will



be conducted from 4 – 7pm. Ms. Contente our Trauma Specialist has been working with the school, and SPD regarding the allegations of the Somerville High School students involved in a crime. Weekly updates have been initiated for ISD/Health Department. The MOU between ISD and the Board of Health has been re-evaluated it is still in draft form. The MOU should be ready for review at the next Board of Health meeting. Rodent Task Force has reconvened. Complaints are down from this same time last year. The board may be asked to develop a greater enforcement of trash disposal which should significantly decrease the opportunity for rodents to feed. There are strategies we are looking at differently. It has been made clear that water is more important to rodents than food so the city is looking into educational pamphlets towards eliminating inadvertent sources of water for rodents. Additionally, they are also looking at making composters more rodent resistant. Grease traps still in progress, bedbugs complaints are down, and some outbreaks of scabies have been reported. The Snow Shoveling committee has met with 311 and SomerStat to study data related to complaints of uncleared sidewalks etc.

Health Department Updates: No motion was made to accept the Health Department updates for August.

Next Meetings: October 17, 2013
Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue
Conference Room – 1st Floor

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 5:48pm, seconded by Ms. Mello.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
September 25, 2013