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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Health Department

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH

September 15, 2011

5:00 pm

City Hall Annex Conference Room

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: Laura Carroll, EP Intern/Coordinator

Guests: Dave Shapiro and Peter Kohler, City of Somerville's Law Office

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Machado at 5:08pm

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

"The August 18, 2011 Minutes were approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISD/Health:

Food Establishments Fines: Mr. Shapiro gave an overview of the pending food establishments fines. The board came to an agreement that the first offense would be a fine but nothing should prevent the health inspectors from issuing a warning first.

The following language was provided to the board to take a vote: In order to enhance public health, safety and welfare, to the extent that the City is the enforcing authority for violations of such code, the provisions of sections 105 CMR 590.000 – 105 CMR 590.021, as from time to time amended, are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part of these regulations. Any violation of any provision thereof shall constitute a violation of this section. In accordance with General Laws Chapter 40, s. 21D, the penalty for failure to comply with a violation notice issued under 105 CMR 590.000 – 105 CMR 590.021 shall be as follows:

\$100 each and every offense –

Nothing in these regulations shall prevent the enforcing authority from issuing a warning. The Health Department is the enforcing authority for this regulation.

Each violation of a provision of 105 CMR 590.000 – 105 CMR 590.021 is a separate and distinct offense and in a case of a continuing violation, each day that the violation is observed constitutes a separate offense. Nothing in this section shall

be deemed to limit the use of other lawful methods of abating violations of this section including, but not limited to, application for equitable relief from a Court of Law.

Ms. Mello made a motion to amend the fines structure for Food Code Violations as presented to the board. Dr. Green 2nd it.

Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote on adopting this language as an amendment to the Food Code Violations and Fine Structure, 2nd by Ms. Machado.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Restaurant/Retail Inspections-August: The report was passed out to the board members. Ms. Lee inspected 45 establishments. Establishment with over 5 violations was printed out for the boards review.

Health Department Updates: Laura Carroll is back with the Health Department and gave a brief overview of plans for September which is Emergency Preparedness Month. Evacuation drills will be conducted in various city buildings. We will be contacting Scat TV to do a little presentation on how residents can prepare for hurricane seasons as well as the upcoming winter season. We are working on building out our social media tactics and how we can use that to get people more prepared for emergencies. Opiate Speak-out will be televised on Scat TV on Thursday September 22, 2011. Patty Contente, the Health Department's Clinical Youth Specialist received an award from Mass Suicide Prevention Coalition. The Well Being of Somerville Report was launched on September 9, 2011. This report was a joint effort with the City of Somerville, Cambridge Health Alliance and the Institute for Community Health. School is in full swing, and one nurse has resigned and one is on family medical leave. The Public Health Nurse, Liz Quaratiello will be filling in as a school nurse when necessary. We received vaccines from the State. This flu season, we will only be allowed to vaccinate anyone who has no health insurance, underinsured and anyone under the age of 19. We also have bought private vaccines and will try to do some family clinics.

Director's Report: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello:

"The Health Departments' Updates were approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Old Business: Temporary Food Permit Policy is being worked on for finalization and a vote to be taken by the board.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2011

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 5:51pm, seconded by Ms. Mello

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
September 19, 2011