



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Health Department



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BOARD OF HEALTH

June 21, 2012
5:00 pm

City Hall Annex Conference Room

Present: Paulette Renault-Caragianes (Health Director)
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Babette Mello, Board Member

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Dodd, Director of Tobacco Control

Guests: D.J. Wilson – Mass Municipal Association
Ellen Collins – ISD Operations Manager

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Machado at 5:20pm

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

“The April 26, 2012 Minutes were approved as circulated.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Medical Marijuana: plans for a presentation on the ballot initiative were tabled until a future meeting. Mr. Mashburn wishes to present at a meeting when all board members are present.

Variance Request: None

Temporary Food Permit Policy Updates: The city will have more capacity for food service establishments in FY 13. This may change the risk-base strategies and will create more resources which will impact what the temporary food policy will look like, which is still in the development stages. More updates to follow in upcoming meetings. Ms. Henkle passed out articles relating to this topic from the Somerville Journal. Urban Agricultural regulations is being discussed which will allow residents to grow and sell their produce from their properties.

Youth Access Regulations Amendment: The definition of the Permit Holder will be changed from: (old) Any person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products directly to consumers who applies for and receives a tobacco sales permit or any person who is required to apply for a tobacco sales permit pursuant to these regulations, or his or her business agent. To (new): **Any person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco or nicotine delivery products directly**

to consumers who applies for and receives a tobacco and nicotine delivery product sales permit or any person who is required to apply for a tobacco and nicotine delivery product sales permit pursuant to these regulations, or his or her business agent.

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the new language (amendment) on the Permit Holder definition on the Regulation of the Somerville Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products Regulations. and it was seconded by Ms. Machado. A vote was taken – All were in favor of the changed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rodent Control/Prevention: Robert Corrigan of RMC Pest Management Consulting provided a summary of his visit to Somerville last July 2011. The report was given to the board members for review. Ellen Collins Operations Director at ISD was present at the meeting to give a scope of the rodent problem and what has been done to date. A map was given to the board members showing where all the rodents' complaints have been filed. Increased rodent activity and sightings are likely related to the unseasonably warm winter, and is a common problem in other cities and towns in the Northeast, not just Somerville. Ms Collins informed the BOH that once a complaint of rodent activity is received, investigated, and found to be valid, the Inspectional Division goes out and baits sewers, public ways, and parks. Inspectors are also allowed by ordinance to order residents to bait if there is evidence on their property that rodents are present. This is the sole responsibility of the owner, as the City does not bait private property. Residences that violate the rodent and trash ordinances will be ticketed in order to get them to comply. The board will reconvene on July 12, 2012 if necessary to go over the rodent/trash ordinances before it reports back to the Board of Aldermen.

Health Department Updates: The Health Department Budget passed as presented to the BOA.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting: July 12, 2012 @ 5:30pm (Tentative) – Special Meeting

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm, seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
July 3, 2012