



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH Regular Meeting

July 17, 2014

5:00pm

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 Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

**Absent:** None

**Staff Members in Attendance:** Ben Lipman, ISD Health Division, Jason Dodd, Tobacco Control

**Guests:** Timothy Pennington Dwight Hoover (Earls Restaurant) Andrew Chow (AFC) Emily Hranek (Shaws/Star Market) Jess Willis (River Bar) Kevin McGuire (Pennypackers) T.J. Wilson (Mass Municipal Assoc.) Elizabeth Tanefis (Health Resources in Action)

**Meeting Called to Order:** by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello @ 5:05pm.

**Previous Minutes:** On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Dr. Green: "The June 19, 2014 Minutes were approved as circulated."  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Variance Requests** – The Board heard requests from 5 establishments. Dr. Green made 5 motions to vote and grant these establishments their individual variances as presented. All board members 2<sup>nd</sup> the vote and the variances were granted and the Motion Carried Unanimously. Here is a summary of the establishments and variances granted.

- 1.) Earls Restaurant – Use of Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) for Sushi Rice
- 2.) AFC – located in Shaws @ 14 McGrath Highway – Amend current variance (Rectification of Rice) due to change in location.
- 3.) River Bar – Use of any auxiliary space for storage of bulk items as well as housing 2 ice machines. – The following conditions must be met – Submit a satisfactory plan on how they will train staff on the transport methods and install some sort of temperature monitoring device.
- 4.) Pennypackers Fine Food Inc. – To allow for use of their Medford Street business as a commissary for their food trucks. – The following conditions must be met – Provide a copy of their business parking permit and documentation of training of staff regarding disposal of grey water from food trucks along with logs documenting the disposal method/location of disposal.
- 5.) Ernesto's Pizza Inc. – Use of Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) for pizza.



**Violation Hearings:** - None

**Restaurant Inspections – May 2014**– A number of restaurants are looking into installing outdoor smokers for use to smoke meats. ISD along with the Fire Department are looking into safety food and fire codes. Another establishment wants to consolidate multiple locations in Somerville, and use that site as a base of operations for their established food truck enterprise, but having a dedicated parking spot may be an issue. Another business is working with ISD to determine if there can be an arrangement made to work around the mismatch of menu, refrigerator space, and seating area in the establishment that will not impact food safety. May restaurant inspections were reviewed by the board.

**Non-Critical Enforcement Policy** was signed by all Board members and will be effective July 1, 2014.

**ISD/Health Report** – Ben was unable to attend the meeting, so no report was submitted.

**Review 911 Emergency Calls** – Report was not received by the Board of Health meeting materials deadline.

**Health Department Updates:**

**Budget:** The 2015 budget was presented to the board. The Health Department will be formally called the Department of Health and Human Services effective July 1, 2014. Nancy Bacci and Betsy Allen will join the department, Ms. Bacci will be the Director of the Human Services Division and Ms. Allen remains the ADA Coordinator.

**PHN** – Dina McCarron was recently hired as the new Public Health Nurse Manager. The part-time public health nurse position has been eliminated in the fiscal 2015 budget. Ms. McCarron will attend the July meeting to meet the Board

**LGBT** – Elizabeth Field will be leaving her position at the end of August.

**SUS** – The mobile market opens up on June 19, 2014.

**School Nursing-** The nurse at the Skip program at the Kennedy school will be retiring September 4, 2014 and Shannon Logan will fill that vacancy. We are currently recruiting for 3 school nurses. Summer programs at the various SPS will commence the week of July 7, 2014. A new eye screening machine will be purchased.

**Rodent Task Force**– In a recent edition, the North section of the Boston Globe published an article on Somerville's Rodent prevention and control efforts. Uniform trash barrels are currently being distributed to all properties. The pilot research program for the rodent fertility control drug ContraPest from Senestech continues in the planning phase. There was an overview presented of the residential rodent control assistance program as another component of the Rodent control plan. In summary, owner-occupied properties of 3 or less units with evidence of rodent activity per the standard assessment tool used by inspectors are eligible to participate in this program.

Ms. Mello made a motion to approve the Health Department updates and seconded by Ms. Machado.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Next Meetings:** July 17, 2014

August Meeting – August 21, 2014 (if necessary)

Location - Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue Conference Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor@ 5pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm and seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)  
June 30, 2014