



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE**  
**MAYOR**

**DOUGLAS KRESS**  
**DIRECTOR**

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2017  
5:00pm

236 Highland Avenue, CHA Medical Building

**Present:** Douglas Kress, Director  
Brian Green, MD (Chair)  
Paula Machado, Board Member  
Robert Ciccio, Board Member  
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

**Absent:** None

**Staff Members in Attendance:** Elise Collins, Ben Lipham from ISD/Health Division; Cory Mashburn from SOP

**Guests:** Representatives/Owners from Meju Restaurant and Lucky Strike.

**Meeting Called to Order:** On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:04pm. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio.

**Previous Minutes:** On a motion made by Mr. Ciccio, the October 26, 2017 minutes were approved. It was seconded by Dr. Green.

**Variance Hearing:** Lucky Strike came in front of the board for a HAACP variance.

Dr. Green made a motion to vote to provisionally grant the haacp plan for acidified rice. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Meju Restaurant Hearing:** Meju Restaurant came in front of the board due to the establishment having rodent and equipment issues, food preparation in the basement, faulty leaking bay sink violations. Meju have failed to correct all open violations within the Board of Health guidelines.

Dr. Green made a motion to have Ms. Collins do a re-inspection within a week of today's board meeting. If the rodent/cleanliness of the establishment is not in compliance, Meju will be shut down for forty-eight (48) hours for a deep cleaning. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor.

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**Somerville Well-Being Report:** The Somerville Well-Being report will be presented formally at an event at the Armory on Highland Avenue on November 20, 2017 from 8:30 – 10:00am. The report focusing on life stages from pre-natal to seniors (older adults). The copy of the report can be found online at [www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/wellbeing-of-somerville-report-2017.pdf](http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/wellbeing-of-somerville-report-2017.pdf).

**Drug Paraphernalia Proposed Regulation Updates:** Mr. Mashburn handed out to the board members the proposed regulations on prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia. A short discussion followed. The regulations will need to go to the law office for review. A public hearing will also be scheduled for public input and awareness.

**HHS Updates:** The 2013 food code will be updated shortly. The city will need to educate the public, restaurants through public meetings. We are trying to put together a proposal to the Board of Aldermen to get one more staff person to really focus on the rodent issues affecting the residents of Somerville. This position if approved will fall under the Health & Human Service Department not Inspectional Services Department. Since the beginning of the school year, five (5) full time nurses have resigned. We did have one candidate that has accepted a position on November 16, 2017. We are in negotiations, and looking at contracts. Offers were put on the table to be more competitive with surrounding communities with school nursing salaries. The city will be putting together a small group of internal staff including, legal, zoning, and planning, along with the HHS Department Head, Mr. Kress and Mr. Mashburn to have a working group regarding legalization of recreation marijuana and how it might impact the City of Somerville.

**Next Meetings:** December 21, 2017 (if needed) and January 18, 2017  
CHA Medical Building, 236 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 01245

**Adjournment:** On a motion made by Dr. Green the meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

**List of Documents:** Agenda, October 26, 2017 Minutes, Sign-In-Sheet; BOH Action Sheets (2), Proposed Regulations Prohibiting the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)  
November 20, 2017