



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

October 17, 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: Sara Garvin, Colin Roald, Dorothy O'Neil, Joe Gahrm

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

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

"The September 17, 2013 Minutes were approved as circulated." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Variance Request: None

Flotation Tanks Ms. Sara Gavin came to the board to request the allowance of flotation tanks. For benefit of the BOH, she described them as oversize bathtub usually 8' by 4' that contains 10 – 12 inches of water. Ms. Gavin plans to open a business in the next year and wanted to discuss the State health codes standards for pools and spas, which she did not feel pertain to float tanks. Under the State regulations, float tanks come under the category of special purpose pools. The rules for special purpose pools were written for hot tubs and spas and really not appropriate for float tanks. Ms. Garvin would like to get a variance. The Health Director thinks it is a reasonable request and does not think it falls under a variance but would approve her request for operating float tanks and exempt the float tanks from the State standards. Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote to have float tank businesses be a non-health department permit businesses but one that needs to be register with the Board of Health with submission of their daily water quality logs on a monthly basis. Ms. Mello seconded it. All in Favor – 3 yes – 0 - no
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Kelly's Diner – The board requested that Kelly Diner's come to the meeting to discuss the repeated violations and to figure out why the restaurant is having difficulties in complying with Food Code regulations. The Health Director made a recommendation that if at the next inspection if they are still showing a pattern of critical violations the Board of Health would require Kelly's Diner to obtain an approved Food Service Consultant. Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote to have Inspectional Services repeat an inspection of Kelly's Diner before the end of this year 2013. Ms. Mello seconded it. The second motion would be upon repeated inspections, in 2014 should Kelly's have repeated critical violations, and the board would require them to hire an approved Food Service Consultant as a condition of staying open. Ms. Mello seconded it. All in Favor

3 –yes 0- no

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Body Art: Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote to formally adopt the state body art inspection form. Ms. Mello seconded it All in Favor – 3- yes – 0 no **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Rodent Task Force Updates: At their last meeting a representative from Best Pest came and talked about their experience in and around the greater Boston area. Modern Pest, the city vendor, will come to the next meeting. The task force will evaluate how often they will meet and what sorts of actions will be taken next. According to 311 data, calls for rodent activities are not as high as they were last year. The areas around the rail beds still seem to be problematic.

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

Route 93 – Studies of air quality have been done along the interstate beginning in EastSomerville, Chinatown and into Quincy. The study is looking into the impact of air quality on the cardiovascular health on residents who live within 100 meters of Route 93. A developer wants to build adjacent to 93. A late request from one of the research partners requested that the Board of Health to make recommendation that the developer follow the filtrations guidelines for any constructions built within 100 meters of route 93. Dr. Green made a motion to take a vote to have the City's Planning Board follow the recommendations of the Cafe Advisory Board on having special HVAC filtrations and to adopt the MERV16 HEPA Filtration Language. Ms. Mello seconded it. All in Favor 3-yes 0-no.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Department Updates: This week is Food Week and there is a link on Healthy Somerville Face Book Page (www.facebook.com/healthysomerville) to all the activities pertaining to Food Week. In collaboration with Cambridge and Everett's Health Departments along with Cambridge Health Alliance will be working on the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund grant opportunity that the state has put out. The focus will be fall prevention, substance abuse prevention, and pediatric asthma.

Health Department Updates: Ms. Mello mad a motion to accept the Health Department updates and Ms. Machado seconded it.

Next Meetings: November 21, 2013
Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue
Conference Room – 1st Floor

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Mello to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm and seconded by Ms. Mello.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
October 28, 2013