

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 16, 2011

Town Council Chambers, Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. John Straus called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

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PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Dr. Barbara Beck, Cynthia Brooks, Steven Ward, and Kristel Bennett.

Minute Review: The Board of Health reviewed the minutes of the October 12, 2011. Cynthia Brooks made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting. Dr. Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

District 2 Presentation: Patricia Moran, Public Health Nurse and Ade Solarin, Sanitarian presented the District 2 October 2011 Environmental and Community Health report. Patricia Moran updated the Board as to new tattoo establishment and tattoo practitioner applicant. The new tattoo establishment is Almoda Tattoo, located at the Watertown Mall, 550 Arsenal Street. The new tattoo practitioner is Michael Tierney who is employed at Almoda Tattoo. Ms. Moran discussed the reportable diseases and tuberculosis cases in Watertown. Ms. Moran discussed the Task Force and the housing cases that were involved. Ms. Moran discussed the number of flu clinics held in October and the number of patrons who have attended. Ms. Moran updated the Board as to the emergency preparedness plans. Ms. Moran discussed grant work, grants the Health Department has worked on in October is the IPHN Regional Grant and a Wellness Grant. In addition a community needs assessment is being conducted by Worcester State. Ade Solarin reviewed the environmental health report for the month of October which included food, housing, nuisance, pool, hazardous materials, and pre-asbestos removal inspections.

106 Fayette Street: Kristel Bennett informed the Board that the owner of 106 Fayette Street has complied with the order to correct letter dated September 15, 2011. Therefore the administrative hearing scheduled for more compliance time had been withdrawn.

55 Ralph Street: Kristel Bennett informed the Board that the owners of 55 Ralph Street, Mr. Hernberg was before the Board for a status hearing. The owners of 55 Ralph Street had requested an administrative hearing before the Board of Health for more compliance time with the order to correct letter dated August 23, 2011. Mrs. Bennett presented the findings of the Health Department inspection of the dwelling. Mr. Hernberg informed the Board that the remaining violations listed in the order to correct letter will be addressed. After much discussion thereof Cynthia Brooks made a motion that the owners of 55 Ralph Street correct the remaining violations in the order to correct letter dated August 23, 2011, by December 14, 2011. If the violations remain unabated by December 14, 2011 a court complaint will be filed against the owners of 55 Ralph Street in Waltham District Court. Dr. Barbara Beck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8-10 Pearl Street: Steven Ward informed the Board of the issues that have been raised by the public concerning the property located at 8 – 10 Pearl Street. Kristel Bennett provided a chronological update to the Board regarding the events and the asbestos removal located at 8 – 10 Pearl Street. Ernie Berardinelli, Rose Marie Russo, and Susan Falkoff raised concerns about the health ramifications related to the asbestos removal for elders and children in in the neighborhood. Mr. Berardinelli and Ms. Russo described to the Board how the contractor removed the asbestos from 8 – 10 Pearl Street. After much discussion thereof the Board recommended drafting a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards regarding the contractor who had removed the asbestos material from the 8 – 10 Pearl Street and the neighbor's concerns regarding the contractor.

Old / New Business:

Steven Ward updated the Board of the status of the Regionalization Implementation Grant.

Next Meeting Date: December 21, 2011.

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Adjourn: 9:45 PM

Minutes: Submitted by Steven J. Ward, Director of Public Health