

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

August 15, 2012

Philip Pane Room, Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. John Straus called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Dr. Barbara Beck and Steven Ward

Minute Review: The Board of Health reviewed the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting. Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Tobacco Regulation: Steven Ward stated the Health Department did not receive any written testimony regarding the “Regulation of the Watertown Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Products” by the August 1, 2012 deadline. Mr. Ward stated that he included language in the draft regulation before the Board that incorporates raising the age of a Minor from 18 to 19 years of age and that a Statement of Purpose has been included that speaks to the rationale for this age change. In addition Mr. Ward requested that the Board amend the “Town of Watertown Fee Schedule For Licenses and Permits” to change the current Tobacco Products permit expiration date from December 31st to November 30th of each year. Dr. Beck made a motion to adopt the “Regulation of the Watertown Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Products” regulation and that this regulation shall take effect on December 1, 2012 and that the “Town of Watertown Fee Schedule For Licenses and Permits” be amended to reflect the expiration date for Tobacco Products permits be changed to November 30th of each year. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Red Lentil: Steven Ward presented a lengthy inspection chronology to the Board of Health regarding a history of serious and repeated violations of the Food Code at the food establishment. Mr. Ward discussed the involvement of the establishment’s food consultant – Eastern Food Safety. Dr. John Straus voiced his concerns with the lack of sanitary progress at

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the establishment and the need of the owner, Pankaj Pradhan, to comply with Food Code standards or face additional administrative actions. Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion that Red Lentil continue to retain the services of a Professional Food Consultant. Red Lentil must continue to retain the services of the food consultant until the end of September; the food consultant must continue to provide bimonthly audits to the Health Department. The Health Department will conduct unannounced inspections at the establishment to assess progress and compliance with the Food Code. In addition the Food Consultant must conduct two (2) sanitary inspections before the September 2012 Board of Health meeting. Red Lentil must have plans for the basement walk-in approved by the Health Department prior to completion of the project. Red Lentil must appear at the next Board of Health meeting for a status update. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Orchard Park Grill: Board of Health Chair, Dr. John Straus commenced that administrative hearing at 8:45 PM and noted that the owner, John Stathakis was not present. Steven Ward stated that Mr. Stathakis was properly served with the hearing notice via constable. Mr. Ward outlined a lengthy history of serious and repeated violations at the food establishment that demonstrated an inability of the owner to maintain a sanitary food establishment that is in compliance with the Food Code. Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion that as a result of a lengthy history of serious and repeated violations of the Food Code, going back more than 4 years as documented in the record, in conjunction with noncompliance with the Board of Health February 15, 2012 decision and the Board of Health May 2, 2012 decision, the Board of Health hereby orders that the Permit to Operate a Food Establishment (D/B/A Orchard Park Grill) located at 208 Waverley Avenue be revoked. Said revocation shall take effect immediately. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New/Old Business: Steven Ward discussed the need to continue with morning BOH meetings. Mr. Ward also discussed the status of the EMMCP mosquito larvicide activities and the inspection status of permitted establishment and facilities.

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Adjourn: 9:45 PM

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