

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 19, 2012

Town Council Chambers, Administration Building

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

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

Minute Review: The Board of Health reviewed the minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting. Barbara Beck made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2012. Dr. Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mosquito Control Update: Steven Ward introduced David Henley from the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP). Mr. Henley gave an overview of the project's 2012 mosquito control activities and presented maps that outlined the areas in town that received larvicide treatment. Mr. Henley stated that the Board of Health's FY12 budget allowed for the treatment of 2791 catch basins in town and that the budget would need to be increased if the town wished to treat all catch basins. Mr. Henley discussed how students on bikes treated the catch basins and that Karen O'Reilly and Mike Bryant (EMMCP) surveyed a percentage of the work of the students. Additional discussions revolved around mosquito surveillance activities and the emergency of EEE and WNV in Massachusetts and nation-wide. Karen O'Reilly discussed her application of over 330 catch basins with larvicide and then presented a map for the Board of Health's review. Steven Ward mentioned that he would present this data to the Town Manager with an eye to requested additional funding for additional catch basin treatment in FY13.

Rodent Control Update: Steven Ward discussed the status of the Kondazian Street, Crawford Street, Coolidge Hill Road area regarding a neighborhood approach to rodent control that involved property surveys in concert with Waltham Services. A neighborhood meeting is planned the near future to discuss the status of the rodent infestation and the next steps the town plans to take regarding education and enforcement activities.

Orchard Park Grill: Kristel Bennett informed the Board that the owner John Stathakis had sent a letter withdrawing his petition to seek relief from the Board of Health's August 15, 2012 decision to revoke his Permit to Operate a Food Establishment – at the Orchard Park Grill located at 208 Waverley Avenue. Dr. John Straus noted that the applicant is free to resubmit his application to Operate a Food Establishment and that the owner would need to go through the plan review process.

253 Sycamore Street: Kristel Bennett gave a history of the sanitary code violations and the animal control concerns at 253 Sycamore Street. In addition Mrs. Bennett outlined a request by Lisa Newsom of 253 Sycamore Street to modify the compliance time with the order to correct letter dated June 1, 2012 and August 1, 2012. After much discussion thereof, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to file a court complaint against the owner of 253 Sycamore Street in Waltham District Court for non-compliance with the order letter dated June 11, 2012 and August 1, 2012. Dr. John Straus stepped down as chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Red Lentil: Kristel Bennett gave an overview of the status of an ongoing administrative hearing process for serious and repeated violation of the Food Code. After much discussion thereof, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion that Red Lentil continue to retain the services of a Professional Food Consultant. Red Lentil must have plans for the basement walk-in refrigeration unit to be installed by November 14, 2012; plans must be approved by the Health Department prior to start and completion of the project. Red Lentil must retain the services of a professional cleaning company to clean the establishment to preclude the accumulation of food and grease on equipment surfaces. The Health Department will conduct unannounced inspections at the establishment to assess progress and compliance with the Food Code. Red Lentil must appear at the next Board of Health meeting for a status update.

Aegean Restaurant: Kristel Bennett informed the Board of Health that Chris Ntasios was before the Board of Health for impeding an inspection, non-compliance with the order to correct letter dated August 3, 2012 and a high number of serious and repeated violations of the Food Code. After much discussion thereof, Dr. Beck made a motion that Aegean Restaurant continue

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to clean all non-food contact surfaces in the establishment. Aegean Restaurant must follow daily cleaning procedures to avoid accumulation of food and grease in food preparation areas. Aegean must not be confrontational to the inspectors and impede inspections. The Health Department will conduct a reinspection to ensure that the outstanding violations listed in the order to correct letter dated August 3, 2012 are corrected. In addition, the Health Department will conduct unannounced inspections at the establishment to assess the continued compliance with the Food Code. Should the Health Department find unsanitary conditions and repeated violations of Chapter X of the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 590.000 then Aegean Restaurant's Permit to Operate a Food Establishment may be suspended or revoked. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting Date: October 17, 2012

Adjourn: 9:50 PM

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