

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 15, 2013

Town Council Chambers, Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. John Straus called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Dr. Barbara Beck, Kristel Bennett, and Ade Solarin.

Minute Review: The Board of Health reviewed the minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting. Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

125 Arsenal Street: Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer informed the Board the owner of 125 Arsenal Street, Parul Bhakta and her representative Attorney Brianne Dobush, were before the Board for an administrative hearing to request modification of compliance time with the administrative order letter dated April 24, 2013. Ade Solarin, Health Officer for the Watertown Health Department provided a chronology to the Board. Ms. Dobush and Ms. Bhakta informed the Board of the plans to comply with the order letter dated April 24, 2013. After hearing the findings of the Health inspection and after much discussion thereof, the Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to approve the request to modify compliance time with the order to correct letter dated April 24, 2013. The owner must correct all violations listed in the April 24, 2013 order to correct letter by June 19, 2013. If the violations remain unabated by June 19, 2013 then a court complaint shall be filed against the owner of 125 Arsenal Street in Waltham District Court for non-compliance with the order letter dated April 24, 2013. Dr. John Straus stepped down as chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

25 Cottage Street: Kristel Bennett informed the Board that the tenant of 25 Cottage Street, Richard Stoller was before the Board for an administrative hearing to request modification of compliance time with the administrative order letter dated April 25, 2013. Mrs. Bennett presented the findings of the Health Department inspection of the dwelling unit. Mr. Stoller informed the Board of his plans to comply with the order letter dated April 25, 2013. After

hearing the findings of the Health Department inspection and after much discussion thereof, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to approve the request to modify compliance time with the order to correct letter dated April 25, 2013. The tenant of 25 Cottage Street, Richard Stoller, must agree to assistance from the Health Department in the form provided of a professional organizer to remove and reduce the amount of materials in the bedroom. Should the professional organizer report that work is being impeded, and then the Health Department professional organizer services will be discontinued. The bedroom is not to be occupied until compliance is achieved with the order letter; the bedroom is to remain vacant and secured. The bedroom remains unfit for human habitation due to the conditions that pose an immediate danger to the health and safety of the occupant in particular excessive material accumulation causing the egresses to be blocked. The tenant, Richard Stoller, shall comply with the violations listed in the April 24, 2013 order to correct letter by June 19, 2013. If the violations remain unabated by June 19, 2013 then a court complaint may be filed against the tenant of 25 Cottage Street in Waltham District Court for non-compliance with the order letter dated April 25, 2013. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chipotle Mexican Grill: Kristel Bennett informed the Board that Chipotle Mexican Grill was before the Board for an Administrative Hearing to provide an update to the Board of Health and to discuss with the Board their corrective actions to eliminate and/or mitigate the irritant at their establishment. This irritant was documented at a May 6, 2013 complaint inspection, the irritant had an odor similar in characteristic to pepper and it caused irritation to the throat which produced coughing and sneezing. Present at this Hearing were Ernie Granillo, Facilities Manager, from Chipotle Mexican Grill, Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer, and Ade Solarin, Health Officer from the Watertown Health Department. Mrs. Bennett provided a chronology to the Board. Mrs. Bennett informed the Board that a recent inspection revealed Chipotle had taken corrective measures to reduce and mitigate the irritant at the establishment, there was no repeated coughing or sneezing observed. Mr. Granillo informed the Board of the corrective measures Chipotle has taken to address the irritant at the establishment including but not limited to related equipment and the servicing the hood and air conditioning units at the establishment. After hearing the findings and after much discussion thereof, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion that Chipotle Mexican Grill located at 485 Arsenal Street shall maintain the

establishment free of all irritants that cause throat irritation coughing and sneezing. Failure to maintain the establishment free of these conditions may result in a suspension of Chipotle's Mexican Grill's Permit to Operate a Food Services Establishment. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Keeping of Animal Regulation: William Wood and Cecelia Lenk discussed limitations of and possible amendments to the Keeping of Animal Regulation. Kristel Bennett reviewed the recommendations of the Watertown Wellness Report with the Board which included amending the Keeping of Animals Regulation to allow the keeping of hens. Kristel Bennett reviewed Somerville's Keeping of Hen Regulation and Arlington's Keeping of Hens Regulation. Mrs. Bennett discussed the Health Department concerns of keeping hens and the potential nuisance conditions including noise and odor if the hens are not properly maintained. The Board will discuss proposed amended language to the Keeping of Animals Regulation at the next Board meeting.

Pesticide Discussion: Debra Smith, John Hope, and Kathy Button discussed pesticide use in Watertown. Debra Smith presented information on an organic pesticide free lecture series that was held at the Watertown Library. Ms. Smith expressed her concerns with pesticides used on public property in Watertown and introduced the Town of Marblehead Board of Health Organic Pest Management Regulation. Ms. Smith expressed that pesticide free maintenance of public lands is no more costly than usual pesticide treatment. The Board discussed meeting with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works to review what pesticides may be placed on public property. The Board discussed reviewing the Town of Marblehead Board of Health Organic Pest Management Regulation at the next meeting. The Board will continue to discuss this matter at the next Board meeting.

Metrics & SOP Update: Kristel Bennett provided an update to the Board. Mrs. Bennett has been working with Mr. Wilner in the development of an electronic tracking system to capture needed metrics for the Health Department and to generate required reports. Mrs. Bennett reviewed a logic model with the Board and discussed short term and long term goals of the Health Department. The Board will continue to discuss this at the next Board meeting.

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Grant Updates CCII, CCIII, Region 4b: Kristel Bennett provided updates to the Board regarding the status of the Compassionate Connections II, Compassionate Connections III, and the Region 4b grants.

Next Meeting Date: June 19, 2013

Adjourn: 9:45 PM

Minutes: Submitted by Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer