

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 25, 2014

Lower Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. John Straus called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Dr. Barbara Beck, Donna Moultrup, Interim Director of Health, Health Officers, Dan Repella and Kari Sasportas, Wil VanDinter, Public Health Nurse, and Karen O'Reilly, Animal Control Officer.

Minutes: The Minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

164 Galen St. – Roy Der Manuelian, tenant at 164 Galen St., was present at the meeting to report on the progress of his work with the professional organizer. This appearance was a continuation of the December 19, 2013 hearing. The last inspection was on February 10th and it was reported that there has been progress. The tenant reported to the Board that he felt that it was going well. Ten sessions with the organizer are planned. After discussion, Dr. Beck made the motion “to continue the condemnation hearing to the March, 2014 Board of Health meeting. The occupant must agree to accept the services of a Health Department professional organizer to gain compliance with the order to correct letter dated January 27, 2014. Failure to correct the violations listed in the January 27, 2014 order letter may result in a condemnation of the dwelling unit due to the violations that materially impair the health, safety, and well-being of the occupant(s) residing at 164 Galen St. #75.” Dr. Straus seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

69 Elm St. – James Delleville, owner of 69 Elm St. was present at the meeting, also a continuation of a hearing held at the last Board of Health meeting on December 19, 2013. It was reported to the Board that the Health Department had received on the day of the meeting a joint letter from Mike Mena, Code Enforcement, Ken Thompson, Building Official and Captain Stephen Igoe, Fire Department, dated February 18th. The primary remaining issue for the Health Department was rebuilding the exterior staircase and the Building Official indicated verbally to the Health Department that the staircase had been completed. Captain Igoe was present at the meeting and discussed several safety issues from the Fire Department’s standpoint: 1) basement is still extremely cluttered and 2) oil trucks are parked too close to the house and, when moved, block the street that would be needed for emergency vehicles to access other businesses in the area. While sympathetic to the Fire Department issues, the Board of Health expressed the opinion that the Health Department issues have been addressed and that the case can be closed. Dr. Beck made a motion “that based on the results of the Building Inspection, compliance with

the Health Department motion has been achieved and the case is closed.” Dr. Straus seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. The discussion continued between the Board, Mr. Delleville and Captain Igoe as to how the Fire Department issues can be resolved. Mr. Delleville agreed to have Captain Igoe inspect the premises again, but that he needed at least a couple of weeks to prepare for that inspection. He will continue to work with Captain Igoe and the letter from the Health Department indicating that the case is closed will include a reminder that Mr. Delleville stated that he would continue to work with Captain Igoe.

Dangerous Dog Hearing – The hearing was opened at 7:50 PM. Oliver Sandrez and Svetlana Ivaskevich, 37 Melendy Ave., Watertown, were present for the hearing, as owners of “Rush,” the subject of the hearing. Suzanne Roback, 23 Chandler St., the complainant, who had requested the hearing was not present. Dr. Beck made the motion “that due to the absence of the complainant, the case is dismissed.” The motion was seconded by Dr. Straus and voted unanimously. Hearing concluded at 7:52 PM.

16 Brimmer St. – This hearing was primarily to ratify the condemnation letter issued on February 10, 2014 resulting from a comprehensive inspection under the State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 410.000, carried out on February 10, 2014 with an Administrative Search Warrant issued by the Waltham District Court. Multiple violations and unsanitary conditions led to the condemnation. The occupant is hospitalized currently but was duly notified of this hearing. A first cousin lives at #14 Brimmer St. and is working on obtaining Power of Attorney so that clean-up procedures can begin. Dr. Beck stated, “that hearing no evidence to the contrary, I move that the Board of Health ratify the condemnation of 16 Brimmer St. as ordered in a letter dated February 10, 2014, addressed to the occupant, Mr. Joseph M. Curran.” Dr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

The Board asked if the food establishment inspections were being kept up to date and both Dan Repella and Kari Sasportas reported in the affirmative.

Dan Repella reported that he had inspected Molana Restaurant today and had reiterated that they will not be allowed to serve food in the space they would like to use for hookah. Hookah would have to occur in a totally separate space from the current restaurant and ventilated appropriately.

Dr. Straus stated that he was impressed with the volume of work that had been reported in the 2013 Annual Report, given the staff opening that exists.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Moultrup, Interim Director of Health

