

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 24, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Barbara Beck called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM

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

Minute Review: The Board reviewed the minutes of September 18, 2007. Dr. Straus made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2007. Dr. Beck stepped down as chair to second the motion. All were in favor.

Mango Grill Latin Cuisine, 51 Main Street: Ms. Nolvía Flores-Herrera was present representing Mango Grill Latin Cuisine. Gerard Cody presented the plan review requirements to the Board of Health and stated that the owners of Mango Grill Latin Cuisine have received in-service training regarding their responsibilities under Chapter X of the State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 590.00. Dr. Straus made a motion to issue a 2007 Food Establishment Permit to Mango Grill Latin Cuisine and stated, as part of the motion, that Mango Grill Latin Cuisine must also complete and submit their application for their 2008 Food Establishment Permit prior to November 30, 2007. Dr. Beck stepped down as Chair to second the motion and all were in favor.

Fordee's Falafel and Deli Inc, 555 Mt. Auburn Street: Ms. Loucine Balian was present representing Fordee's Falafel and Deli. Gerard Cody presented the plan review requirements to the Board of Health and stated that the owners of Fordee's Falafel and Deli have received in-service training regarding their responsibility under Chapter X of the State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 590.00. Dr. Straus made a motion to issue a 2007 Food Establishment Permit to Fordee's Falafel and Deli and stated, as part of the motion, that Fordee's Falafel and Deli must also complete and submit their 2008 Food Establishment Permit application prior to November 30, 2007. Dr. Beck stepped down as Chair to second the motion and all were in favor.

Victor's Diner, 214 Beacon Street: Mr. Leter Zoto of Victor's Diner was present representing Victor's Diner. Gerard Cody presented the plan review requirements to the Board of Health and stated that the owners of Victor's Diner have received their in-service

training regarding their responsibility under Chapter X of the State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 590.00. Dr. Straus made a motion to issue a 2007 Food Establishment Permit to Victor's Diner and stated, as part, as part of the motion, that Victor's Diner must also complete and submit their application for their 2008 Food Establishment Permit prior to November 30, 2007. Dr. Beck stepped down as Chair to second the motion and all were in favor.

New Ginza, 63-65 Galen Street: Mr. Johnny Tong, owner and Sam Wong, consultant represented New Ginza Restaurant. Steven Ward reminded the Board of Health that this agenda item is a continuation of an ongoing Administrative Hearing with New Ginza Restaurant. Gerard Cody gave an update of the status of the consultant's work and the latest inspection conducted at the establishment. Mr. Cody stated that New Ginza is now in compliance with the requirements of the Board of Health. Dr. Beck and Dr. Straus stated their concerns regarding a history of a lack of compliance at the establishment and urged owner Mr. Tong to comply with all the provisions of the Food Code. Dr. Straus made a motion that the Watertown Board of Health has concluded the administrative hearing and that New Ginza has met the requirements stated in the order letter dated April 30, 2007 and that failure to follow the food code and any deviation from the approved HACCP variance plan will result in further administrative action including, but not limited to suspension or revocation of your Permit to Operate a Food Establishment. Dr. Beck stepped down as Chair to second the motion and all were in favor.

Sushi 21, 54 Mt. Auburn Street: Mr. Tetsuya Nagamatsu, owner, represented Sushi 21. Steven Ward reminded the Board of Health that Sushi 21 has been before the Board of Health recently for serious and repeated violations of the Food Code. Mr. Cody gave an overview of the most recent repeated and serious violations noted at the establishment. Mr. Cody presented a chronological history of these violations for the Board of Health's consideration and review. Dr. Straus asked Mr. Nagamatsu for his reasons as to why he can not comply with the provisions of the Food Code and to explain why critical and non critical violations remain. Mr. Nagamatsu stated that he needs to have his establishment treated for rodents and that his floor needs to be repaired.

After much discussion Dr. Straus made a motion that Sushi 21 (Tetsuya Nagamatsu) must attend, until further notice, all future Board of Health meetings to provide updates on the sanitary environment at this establishment. In addition, random monthly inspections will occur at the establishment to ascertain compliance with the Food Code. Sushi 21 will be inspected prior to the next Board of Health meeting on November 14, 2007. Failure to comply with order letters, approved variance and provision of the Food Code may be cause for suspension or revocation of Sushi 21 Permit to Operate a Food Establishment. Furthermore (in accordance with their approved sushi variance), Sushi 21 must:

- 1) Maintain a log book for sushi rice pH, refrigeration temperature, fish receiving temperatures, and self-inspection forms on a daily basis.
- 2) Maintain the premises in a sanitary condition

- 3) Keep annual records of sushi rice lab results

Dr. Beck stepped down as Chair to second the motion and all were in favor.

Proposed Animal Control Ordinance Amendments: Town Councilor Jonathan Hecht and Commission on Disability member, Robert Hall presented proposed amendments to the existing town Animal Control Ordinance that would address the issues facing those with disabilities and their pets (dogs). After much discussion it was decided that the proposed language offered by Mr. Hall and Mr. Hecht would be included in a separate section at the end of the existing ordinance and that Councilor Hecht would amend the regulation for the Board of Health to review.

EP Update: Steven Ward and Gerard Cody discussed upcoming EP deliverables for the health department. Steven Ward stated that Mr. Cody will be participating in a presentation, with others from Region 4b, in Washington, DC regarding lessons learned from regional EDS exercises.

Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2007

Meeting Adjourned: 10:25 PM