

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 14, 2007

Trustees Room, Watertown Free Public Library

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Beck called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

PRESENT: Dr. Carl Brownsberger, Dr. Barbara Beck, Dr. John Straus, Steven Ward, Gerard Cody, Kristel Pendleton, Mark Reich Esq. and Daniel Ottenheimer.

Minute Review: The board of health reviewed the minutes of October 24, 2007. Dr. Straus made a motion to accept the minutes of October 24, 2007. Dr. Brownsberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

266 Belmont Street, Unit #2, Administrative Hearing: Steven Ward and Gerard Cody outlined the sanitary code history at 266 Belmont Street and described the outstanding sanitary code and animal control enforcement actions against Mr. Silva, the owner of 266 Belmont Street. The Board took note that the owner, Mr. Frank Silva, of 266 Belmont Street was not in attendance for the condemnation hearing.

After some discussion, Dr. Straus made a motion to stay the order letter issued to Mr. Silva dated November 6, 2007 until the December 20, 2007 meeting providing that the following terms and conditions are met: 1). A professional cleaning company must be hired to remove and rubbish/garbage, soiled rugs and render all rooms in the dwelling unit, including but not limited to, the rear bedroom, to a sanitary condition. A list of cleaning companies will be sent to Mr. Silva. 2). That Mr. Silva must grant access for Inspectional services, Fire Inspector and the Health Department staff to re-inspect the entire dwelling in order to determine that the buildings is fit for human habitation. Access will include the basement, first floor, second floor, third floor and any other location as deemed necessary by the inspectional team. 3). Comply with all Orders as listed in the letter dated November 6, 2007. In addition non-compliance with this order letter may result in a finding of condemnation and an order to vacate and secure the dwelling unit. Dr. Brownsberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Sushi 21: Steven Ward stated that Sushi 21 is before the board of health for an administrative hearing for serious and repeated violations of the state sanitary code. Gerard Cody and Kristel Pendleton outlined a history of serious and repeated violations at Sushi 21 including but not limited to, non adherence to a sushi variance procedure.

After much discussion Dr. Straus made a motion to suspend Sushi 21's Permit to Operate a Food Establishment for a period of eleven days beginning November 15, 2007 and ending on November 26, 2007 with the following provisions;

- A pre-operational inspection will be required once the suspension is ended (November 26, 2007), prior to resuming food service operations.
- The suspension order will remain in effect if serious and/or critical violations are noted upon said inspection and until such time these violations are corrected.
- Sushu 21 will be required to attend all Board of Health meetings until further notice since monthly inspections are required as part of this decision in order to ascertain compliance with the Food Code.

Dr. Brownsberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Executive Auto Annex: Attorney Robin Main and engineer Bryan Lynch (VHB of Watertown) represented Auto Annex. Attorney Mark Reich and engineer Daniel Ottenheimer (Mill River Consulting), represented the Board of Health.

Steven Ward gave an overview of the septic, water/plumbing concerns at 160 and 162 Arsenal Street (Auto Annex).

After much discussion, Dr. Straus made a motion to sustain the order letter to Executive Auto Wholesale (YRT Corp) issued on October 4, 2007 and that by the end of January, YRT Corp will submit a complete Application for a Disposal Works Construction Permit, including plans, at which point the health department will review the plans and if needed a variance hearing will be held before the board of health in February or March of 2008.

Dr. Brownsberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next Meeting Date: December 20, 2007

Adjourn: 9:55 PM

Minutes: Submitted by Steven J. Ward