

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 21, 2009

Town Council Chambers, Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Beck called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Beck, Dr. John Straus, Cynthia Brooks, Steven Ward, Kristel Bennett, Sarah Kinghorn, and Cathleen Liberty.

Minute Review: The Board of Health reviewed the minutes of October 15, 2008. Dr. Straus made a motion to accept the minutes of September 17, 2008. Dr. Beck seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

100 Dexter Avenue: Kristel Bennett informed the Board on the status of the condemnation at 100 Dexter Avenue, Unit 1, 2, and 3. Arthur and Mary Papazian, owners of 100 Dexter Avenue, were present at the hearing to give an update to the Board on the status of dwelling units to abate the sanitary violations. After some discussion, Dr. Beck made a motion to ratify the order of condemnation at 100 Dexter Avenue, Unit 1, 2 and 3, and present the status of the dwelling at the Board at the February Board meeting. Dr. Straus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

District 1 Presentation: Sanitarian, Cathleen Liberty and Public Health Nurse, Sarah Kinghorn came before the Board to discuss their roles with the Health Department. Sarah gave an overview of the Elder Wellness and Awareness Grant from CHNA-17. Sarah discussed the flu clinics and her background. Cathleen Liberty had discussed her background and things she has learned at the Health Department in her time here.

47 Eliot Street: Kristel Bennett reviewed the history and informed the Board on the status of the condemnation at 47 Eliot Street. Mrs. Bennett informed the Board that the tenants of 47 Eliot Street had complied with the order letter dated December 11, 2008, the tenants had removed the rubbish and large accumulations of material throughout the dwelling unit. The dwelling unit was being maintained in sanitary manner to meet compliance with the condemnation order of December 11, 2008. Therefore the administrative hearing had been cancelled.

230 Arlington Street: Kristel Bennett informed the Board that Ms. Helda Shirnian, owner of 230 Arlington Street and Ara Margosian, representative of Ms. Shirnian requested a hearing before the Board to modify the compliance time of the order to correct letter dated December 10, 2008. Mrs. Bennett presented the findings the December 1, 2008 inspection report, and noted that the dwelling unit was reinspected on January 20, 2009. On the January 20, 2009 inspection seven of the ten violations were corrected, and two additional violations were noted. Ms. Shirnian and Mr. Margosian informed the Board about their efforts to remedy the violations. After much discussion thereof, Dr. Straus made a motion to extend the compliance time of the order letter dated December 1, 2009, an amended order letter will be sent out with the two additional violations. Compliance time for all violations will be extended to the next Board of Health meeting on February 25, 2009. Beck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

BOH Reorganization: After some discussion, Cynthia Brooks made a motion to appoint Dr. John Straus as Chair to the Board of Health. Dr. Beck seconded the motion. All were in favor. Cynthia Brooks made a motion to appoint Dr. Barbara Beck as Clerk to the Board of Health. Dr. Straus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous: Steven Ward discussed with the Board the need for each member of the Board to act a liaison to the programs of the Health Department. After some discussion

therefore, Dr. Beck will be the Environmental Health liaison, Dr. Straus will be the Community Health liaison, and Cynthia Brooks will be the Emergency Preparedness liaison.

Dr. Straus made a motion to thank Dr. Barbara Beck for her many dedicated years of service as Chair of the Board of Health. Cynthia Brooks seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting Date: February 25, 2009

Adjourn: 9:45 PM

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