

MEETING  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF MEETING

April 8, 2008

The City of Salem Board of Health held its regular meeting at City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room on Tuesday April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Paulette Puleo Chairwoman, Noreen Casey, Christina Harrington, Carol Rainville, Barbara Poremba.

Also present Joanne Scott, Health Agent, Tracy Giarla, Public Health Nurse. Excused Martin Fair.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Christina made a motion to accept February minutes with changes, Noreen 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, motion passed.

**Public Health Nurse Report**

Tracy offered Tuberculin Skin testing at Salem State College Counseling and Health Services for all contacts of an active TB case at Salem State. Contacts at school 41, tested 31, students 15 referred to NSPC for CRX, 15 students were negative, 1 did not return for reading, 10 students have left school.

Tracy also attended a meeting at school with Joanne Keegan, RN, TSA Nurse for MDPH Division of TB Control. Discussed at the meeting was MDPH Guidelines for Detection and Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection in MA College and University Students. Salem State College does not have a policy for TB testing. Tracy also attended North Shore Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness meeting on February 27, 2008. Tracy also has 3 active TB cases in Salem 5 household contacts tested for Pleural TB Case, 1 tested positive and was referred to the NSPC. Tracy reviewed the Communicable Diseases for February 2008.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Old Salem Jail Ventures, LLC, 50 St. Peter Street/Old Salem Jail Site Plan Review. Pen Linsey represented the Old Salem Jail Ventures. Mr. Linsey explained that New Boston Ventures will make design modifications to the original plans.

Design Modifications:

New Boston Ventures is proposing a slight expansion of the footprint of the Alexander Building by designing a wing to complement the original design. The proposed wing with front along St. Peter Street, forming an "L" shaped structure. The new configuration will create five additional units in this building. This "L" shape will allow units to be reconfigured as "flats". The reason for this change is in direct response to market demand.

The first design of the Alexander Building will not change from the originally approved scheme.

The fenestration, roof line and cornice will all remain the same as will all design details and materials. The roof dormer configuration and the unique chimney like lanterns will be continued along the St. Peter Street wing to unify the design.

The parking will be modified so that vehicles entering and parking will pass through an archway which will be part of the new facade. The wing will serve to shield the parking along St. Peter St. The change for the Bryant Building will be to add two additional units by combining the upper floors of four (4) two-bedroom duplex units into two (2) stand alone units. The number of units will be expanded from 29 to 36 units including 22 units in the Bryant Building, three (3) units in the McIntire Building, one unit in the Carriage House and 13 units in the Alexander Building.

Mr. Linsey showed a picture from St. Peter Street of the 36 parking spaces, History Museum. Barbara asked where will they park for the museum? Mr. Linsey coming from the other attractions most will park in the city garage.

Paulette asked where will the dumpster and trash barrels be located? Mr. Linsey states the trash from residential and showed the location on the plan. Paulette asked will there be a trash compactor in the units? Mr. Linsey said they didn't consider trash compactors. Paulette & Joanne voiced concerns regarding the number of barrels needed to accommodate 36 units. Barbara asked do they think there will be a problem with the trash area so far away? Mr. Linsey said there is only 80 feet to the trash containers. Joanne Scott asked how many barrels for the 36 units? Mr. Linsey said 30 barrels and one dumpster.

Christina asked what was on this site before the jail? Mr. Linsey stated nothing just the jail. Presently testing being done and storage tanks removed. Joanne asked if any tanks leaked? Mr. Linsey said the tanks were not leaking. Joanne asked Mr. Linsey, 28 of these units will be sold not rented is that correct? With the Historical Tax Credit units have to be rented for five (5) years and allowed to sell 22 rentals and 14 condo's. Mr. Linsey said that is correct units will be sold not rented. Mr. Linsey said the issue of trash compactors and ventilation of the parking area under the condo units would be discussed.

Barbra made a motion to table the plans until the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Noreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

Walter Montgomery, Northeast Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District 2008 Best Management Plan and Vector Management Plan.

Mr. Montgomery told the Board he would like to go back to using Methoprene and discontinue using the biological Larvicide Vertrolux. Mr. Montgomery explained to the Board there are no legitimate studies showing any serious adverse reactions to Methoprene. Because there may be some concerns, Joanne invited members of Salem Alliance for the Environment (SAFE) and Salem Sound Coast Watch to attend the meeting. Mr. Montgomery continued to discuss his plan for 2008 regarding mosquito's, Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV) and talked about catch basins and areas around the city where they find and test the mosquito's. Carol made a motion to accept the Northeast Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District 2008 Management Plan and the use of Methoprene, Noreen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.

## **HEALTH AGENT'S NEWSLETTER**

Joanne told the Board Salem will no longer be the host community and she will not be the chairperson for the Coalition after August 30<sup>th</sup>. Joanne said Salem has been the host community for the past five (5) years and the coalition has operated very well but she thinks

another community should be the host community. Joanne also mentioned the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am to noon and volunteers are welcome.

### **TRANSFER STATION**

Joanne said she has considered sending a letter to Mayor Driscoll because the Board needs Air Quality Person, Traffic Study Person, Engineering Person and an Attorney to review the plans and advise the Board. Paulette and Carol agreed with Joanne that due to the complexity of this decision the Board needs advisors with experience in all of these areas .The Board continued discussing the plans.

Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Page, Clerk of the Board