

MEETING

BOARD OF HEALTH

APRIL 17, 2007

The City of Salem Board of Health held its regular meeting at City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street, 3rd floor conference room on Tuesday April 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Christina Harrington, Paulette Puleo, Carol Rainville, Noreen Casey, Barbara Poremba Martin Fair.

Also present Joanne Scott, Health Agent, Tracy Giarla, LPN, Public Health Nurse.
Excused Mary Madore, Councillor Lucy Corchado.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Christina Harrington asked do I have a motion to accept February minutes? Paulette Puleo made a motion to accept, Barbara Poremba 2nd, all in favor.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT

Tracy reviewed her reports, meetings/clinics she attended, March Communicable Diseases, and said she is in contact with North Shore Pulmonary Clinic regarding active cases, vaccine inventory, also summary of diseases.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Board reviewed the monthly reports, Administration, Phone Log and Environmental. Christina Harrington asked what happens to the cat/dog bites? Tracy explained she receives them from doctors offices, records them in a log. Christina Harrington was surprised to see the increase of trash complaints. Joanne explained the reason they were higher because the inspectors were following the trash trucks to see who put trash out to early. Joanne also discussed the rests of the environmental report. Joanne asked if there were any other questions? No other questions from board. Christina Harrington reports were accepted as informational.

AGENTS NEWSLETTER

Joanne mentioned the **Motel regulations** were sent to board, one motel owner and her attorney. There will be a public hearing at the April meeting. **Rainbow Terrace inspections**, were done because of State Housing Code, and State Lead Law violations were observed. **Food Inspections** John & David have stayed on top of the inspections and are extremely thorough and competent and we have a high quality of sanitation in our establishments. **Emergency Preparedness**, Neia Illingworth our Program Coordinator has returned to school & Margaret Whittaker was hired by the coalition and will replace Neia as our new Program Coordinator. **Derby Street Neighborhood Association**, Joanne gave a presentation regarding the infectious disease emergencies and how to prepare for them also **Ginny's Memorial**, we will be sending a letter to all current and former employees and board members. Joanne

described the memorial and said it will be on the traffic island on Washington Street across the street from city hall annex. Joanne said Northeast Mosquito Control plan is in your packet and Walter Montgomery will be invited to the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A Public Hearing to discuss draft regulations requiring motels to obtain a permit to operate. Attorney Thomas Delaney representing Suzanne Sullivan owner of the Clipper Ship Inn, 40 Bridge Street.

Christina read an introductory format for the hearing and also introduced all board members.

Attorney Delaney said this regulation is not legal and if it went before the Superior Court it would strike it down. Attorney Delaney said his client was being targeted because she has stray cats at the motel, he also thinks hotels and Bed & Breakfast should also be included. Attorney Delaney said his client Suzanne Sullivan said there were no problems or complaints. Attorney Delaney said there are fifty seven rooms at the motel and guests do not go any were near the rooms the cats are in. Barbara Poremba asked how many cats at the motel? Attorney Delaney said about fifteen but some of them are Suzanne's.

Attorney Delaney also discussed other concerns of the regulation regarding litter boxes, cat carriers, one perch for each cat and color of linens. He also said cats only at the motel for 2 weeks at a time. Noreen asked how many cats are at the motel? Suzanne Sullivan said about 12 to 15 at a time but the rooms cats are separated from guest rooms.

Joanne said two separate areas for feral and other cats, feral cats cannot be adopted. Joanne said the cats should not be down cellar. Suzanne Sullivan the cats are not in the cellar. Joanne said David Greenbaum said at the time of inspection cats were in the cellar.

Paulette Puleo asked if all cats are in one area and is it ok for them to be together? Suzanne Sullivan said there are no problems having them together. Attorney Delaney said if the regulations are approved he will go to court.

Christina Harrington made a motion to close this section of the public hearing, Barbara Poremba 2nd, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Joanne Sawyer, 5 Barnes Circle, Salem, MA request a permit (variance) for Chair Massage.

Joanne Sawyer explained that she wants to approach small business to perform chair massage at the business. No oils used, customer is fully clothed. Joanne Scott said she would have to go through the same application process for a massage establishment. Martin asked if she had a massage therapist permit? Joanne Sawyer said she did not have a permit.

Joanne Scott said she has to give a list of places she will practice chair massage. Joanne Sawyer said that was ok.

Carol Rainville made a motion to give Joanne Sawyer a variance, Barbara Poremba 2nd, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Gilberto Barahona owner of Salem Tipico, 88 Congress Street, Salem, MA
Joanne explained the reason Mr. Barahona was at the meeting, because he has had repeat critical violations for the past two years and not much has changed. Joanne told the board she has closed the restaurant and also gave him a \$300.00 fine and told him to follow the codes.

Mr. Barahona said all violations are not critical he and his wife work 60 hours a week. Sometimes his wife has to take care of their children and she is not always at the store. Joanne said temperatures are not up to code, they should be 140 degrees. Mr. Barahona said customers lift the covers to see what is inside the pot and that is why the temps are below 140 degrees.

Joanne asked who the certified food manager is in his Lynn Store? Mr. Barahona said he doesn't know. Paulette Puleo is concerned about how many times the health inspectors have been to his establishment. The inspectors are there to protect the customers so they don't get sick. Joanne explained to Mr. Barahona for months or longer about the critical violations. Martin Fair asked Mrs. Barahona if she is a certified food manager and where did she take the course? Mrs. Barahona took the course at Pilgrim Hospitality.

Joanne said the codes must be followed and you not correcting the violations. Joanne recommended he must comply and if he doesn't his permit will be revoked, codes must be followed. Carol Rainville said violations must be corrected and establishment should be closed until they are.

Joanne recommended Mr. Barahona take food certification course and show her he is enrolled and passed the test and violations be corrected by Monday. Barbara Poremba said she is concerned to many violations and he should be closed until Monday. Paulette Puleo agrees he should enroll in a class and all violations be remedy by Monday and if they are not corrected by then we should revoke his permit.

Carol Rainville made a motion to temporary suspend permit until Monday and show he is enrolled in a class and give us an extermination report for the rodents, and a re-inspection will be conducted on Monday. If violations are not corrected by Monday we will revoke his permit Martin Fair 2nd all in favor.

Carol Rainville made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barbara Poremba 2nd all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Page, Clerk of the Board

