

Winthrop Board of Health

October 27 , 2 011

Meeting held in the Emergency Operating Center

Convened at 6:06 PM.

Adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Attending:

James L. Little, Chairman

Bridget Mulkerrin. Clerk

Laura Lopez, member

Eric Moore , Director of Winthrop Public Health

Jeanne Maggio, Town Council Health and Safety Committee, Chairperson

Minutes of September 29 , 2011 were accepted as read.

Motion to approve minutes by Bridget Mulkerrin and seconded by .Laura Lopez.

Motion passed to approve minutes of September 29,2011.

Hearings: At this meeting 2 hearings were held.

Hearing #1. East Boston Neighborhood Clinic variance request. A request from AHA Consulting Engineers, Inc. seeking a variance in Section 10.10 Table 1: Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy of the Plumbing Code requiring one drinking fountain and one shower per each set of restrooms.

ACTION: Motion to grant variance request of Section 10.10 Table 1 by Bridget Mulkerrin and seconded by Laura Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing #2. 222 Shore Drive Unit #1. 222 Shore Drive is a multi unit condominium complex. A complaint received from a tenant in Unit #1 complained of mold and chipping paint in his unit. The registered owner of Unit #1 is Highland Realty Trust, LLC. Mr. Kiernan Brosnan appeared at the meeting to represent Highland Realty Trust. Mr. Moore inspected the unit and found no mold present, but stated the Unit is at a *high risk for mold*. *Mr. Brosnan detailed plans to move the tenant to a hotel until he finds another apartment and clean up the Unit. He also explained that the problem is with the exterior of the building that needs to be resealed. He explained that this problem has to be solved by the Condo Association.*

ACTION: Motion by Bridget Mulkerrin and seconded by Laura Lopez to put complaint under advisement. Mr. Brosnan will send all documentation to the Board re: his efforts to resolve the problem. Motion passed unanimously.

Dates for 2012 meetings. Meeting dates for 2012 to be listed on the web calendar are as follows.

January 26, 2012

February 23, 2012

March 29, 2012

April 26, 2012

May 31, 2012

June 28, 2012

July and August no meetings scheduled.

September 27, 2012

October 25, 2012

November 29, 2012

December 27, 2012

All meetings will be in EOC and the location will be subject to change.

Special meetings may be called for emergency requests and will be posted well in advance of the meeting.

ACTION: Informational.

Election of Chairperson and Clerk. Motion by Bridget Mulkerrin and seconded by Laura Lopez to re-appoint James Little as chairman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bridget Mulkerrin and seconded by James Little to appoint Laura Lopez as Clerk of the Board of Health.

Action: Motion passed unanimously. Laura Lopez will assume duties as Clerk of the Board of Health.

Directors Report:

1. Community Health Forum facilitated by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to be held at the E. B Newton on November 30, 2011 from 8:30 AM until 10: 30 AM.
2. Nuisance complaints still coming in to the board office. The majority of the complaints have been resolved.
3. Mr. Moore has completed ICS training for emergency preparedness.
4. Mr. Moore reports the Board of Health attended the Womens Health Forum with a display.
5. Mr Moore announced that he will be taking his vacation in December from the 12th to 27th.

ACTION: Informational.

Public Health Nurse Report: Ro Sarro, RN unable to attend this meeting. Report given by Jeanne Maggio. Ro and Jeanne attended a conference in Las Vegas where 1400 people from all over the world attended. The conference presented by BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY. The theme of the conference was "No more homeless pets". Ro and Jeanne plan on a future presentation to the board and the MRC on the conference.

ACTION: Informational.

MRC Report: The 2011 Flu shot program for the schools met with disappointing results. It is assumed parents have chosen other means for flu shots for the school children.

A flu clinic was held at the Senior Center on October 19, 2011. Despite it being a cold rainy, windy night 125 citizens received a flu shot. The flu clinic is sponsored by the Board of Health and the Medical Reserve Corps. A second flu clinic is scheduled for November 2, 2011 at the Senior Center. Originally the flu vaccine that was received was earmarked for the uninsured and the underinsured. The state opened the vaccine to all citizens.

Jeanne reports that the EOC will be in the process of being updated technologically. This will be extremely important during emergencies.

ACTION: Informational.

Motion to adjourn by Bridget Mulkerrin and seconded by Laura Lopez . Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM. Motion passed.

Next Meeting December 29 , 2011 in the Emergency Operating Center at 6 PM. Location subject to change.

All documents used at this meeting are available on request at the BOH office.