

Winthrop Board of Health

September 29 ,2011

Meeting held in the Emergency Operating Center

Convened at 6:07 PM.

Adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Attending:

James L. Little, Chairman

Laura Lopez, member

Eric Moore ,Director of Winthrop Public Health

Ro Sarro, RN. ,Winthrop Public Health Nurse

Jeanne Maggio, Town Council Health and Safety Committee, Chairperson

Minutes of June 30,2011 were accepted as read.

Motion to approve minutes by Laura Lopez seconded by .James Little.

Motion passed.

Hearings: At this meeting 2 hearings were held relating to Sanitary Code Violations.

Hearing #1. Several complaints from a neighbor at 142 Pleasant St. re: overgrown bushes on the property at 142 Pleasant St. The complainant did not appear.

The property manager Mr. Anthony Roberto appeared to respond to the complaint. Board members viewed the property in advance of the meeting and found no sanitary code violations.

Action: Motion to dismiss the complaint by Laura Lopez and seconded by James Little. Motion passed.

Hearing #2 D'Parma Restaurant complaint of sanitary code violation . Complaint that roaches were seen on the premises. Mr. Moore responded to complaint issuing a warning and a fine. Restaurant hired the services of Terminix exterminator services with poor results. A second exterminator was hired and results were not satisfactory. The restaurant voluntarily closed for 2 ½ days on Sept.20 and Sept.21 and half day on Sept 22 for a thorough cleaning. A final extermination was completed on Sept. 27. Inspection showed problem was solved.

Action: The restaurant has taken necessary measures to comply with the sanitary code. This matter will be taken under advisement and the board will notify the restaurant within 5 working days of its decision.

Directors Report:

1. Community Transformation grant –The Winthrop Health Dept. submitted a grant alongside other cities in Suffolk County. A grant designed to promote evidence based practices *in tobacco, healthy eating, active living and clinical preventive services. So that residents can make healthier choices to reduce the incidence of chronic disease. Mr. Moore notified the board that the application was not successful.*
2. *The Community Health Needs Assessment preliminary report has been compiled. Further work is needed on the report. Work on the report is ongoing.*
3. *Beach inspections have been completed.*
4. *Restaurant inspections have been completed.*
5. *Nuisances and complaints many have been resolved.*
6. Mr. Moore attended conference July 18-22 in Hartford Ct. NACCHO Survive and Thrive for public health professionals. Mr. Moore graduated from the program with a one year public health fellowship.
7. Mr. Moore is enrolled in a program Foundations for Local Public Health run by Boston University.
8. Mr. Moore has completed Emergency Preparedness-ICS 300 training with the Mass. Emergency Management agency in Boston on Sept. 27-29,2011.

Action: Informational.

Public Health Nurse Report: Ro Sarro reports difficulty in purchasing flu vaccine. It appears due to the wide distribution of vaccine by retail pharmacies. She is presently ordering doses for a future flu clinic.

Action: Informational.

MRC Report:

1. Jeanne reports that an Emergency Prep Fair to be held October 8, 2011 along with the Parks and Rec. fair at Ingleside park.
2. Work has been done on setting up emergency supply areas in the Ft. Banks and Cummings School. The Cummings school remains the primary shelter with Ft. Banks as a backup.
3. Flu clinics. Tentative dates have been set for flu clinics in the elementary schools. Dates are Oct. 6, and Oct.13. Information to be sent to parents.
4. Adult flu clinic dates have been tentatively set for Oct. 11, Oct. 13 and Oct.19.

Action: Informational

Motion to adjourn by Laura Lopez and seconded by James Little to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM. Motion passed.

Next Meeting October 27, 2011 in the Emergency Operating Center at 6 PM.

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