

Minutes
Board of Health
February 25, 2014

Attendees:

Chairman John Scullin calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Also in attendance are Dr, Christine Carino, Secretary, Peg Drummey, Public Health Nurse, Health Agent, John Fralick and Vice-Chairperson Terry Dean.

Nurses Report:

Blood Pressure:

The Blood Pressure Clinic was held on February 3, 2014. Nine residents were seen. Two residents were seen at the Board of Health for walk-in blood pressures.

<u>Communicables:</u> 10	Influenza
1	Strep Pneumonia
2	Hepatitis
1	Listeria
1	LTB

Immunizations:	10	PPD's planted and read at the Board of Health
<u>Annual</u>	1	Hepatitis
<u>Child</u>	3	B12 Home visits
<u>Office</u>	3	B12 Office visits
	11	Zostavax
	2	Pneumonia

Other:

Ms. Drummey submitted the monthly column "Ask A Nurse" for the Stoneham Senior Center's Sentinel. This month's topic is regarding Cholesterol.

On 1/16/14 Ms. Drummey attended a presentation sponsored by Hospice at Longwood Place in Reading.

On January 21, 25, and 27th she attended a TRIAD meeting at the Senior Center.

She is now preparing for May 22nd presentation of "Breaking the Silence", a representation of real life stories that educate the community about elder abuse and neglect as told by Stoneham Seniors.

Public Service Announcement was placed in the Stoneham Independent and Stoneham Sun regarding the availability of the Pneumonia and Shingles vaccine. Response has been positive.

Ms. Drummey was interviewed by a student nurse (enrolled in an on line course at the University of Arizona) regarding the duties and functions of the Public Health Nurse.

On 2/10/14 she attended the Substance Abuse Coalition meeting.

First aid was given to Town employee – cut left hand.

The student from MCP began her preceptor commitment.

The Public Health Nurse visited the Purpose School for bi-annual Health Care Consult Agreement.

Plan: Annual report completed

Ms. Drummey will continue with the Zostavax program

Health Agent's Report:

Food Inspections: 9

Housing Fitness Inspections: 9

Complaint Log: 139 North Street #1,
25 Penny Lane (closed), Stop N' Shop (closed), BJ's Wholesale (closed), LA Fitness (closed), 22 Warren Street (closed)

Complaint Details:

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Re: 139 North Street – A complaint was received from tenant Joseph Vasconcelos regarding violations in his unit on North Street. Upon inspection it was noted that several violations existed, including the presence of rodents, due to a unit upstairs being left full of garbage and belongings from a previous tenant. An order to correct was sent to owner Debbie Herook and as of 2/21/2014, all violations have been addressed and a re-inspection has been scheduled for 2/26/2014.

Re: 25 Penny Lane – A call was received on 2/4/2014 regarding hoarding at a house on Penny Lane. Resident Raymond Smith was found deceased in his house which was full of belongings stacked to the ceiling throughout the dwelling (photos attached). Upon further investigation it was noted that no running water had been going into the house since 2009 per the DPW and building inspector, and that the unit was open to the elements via animal intrusion points littered throughout. In cooperation with next-of-kin Barbara Merrin, the dwelling has since been marked as Unfit for Human Habitation pursuant to 105CMR400.831D and no further contact has been made regarding the issue; the property is going to be cleaned out and sold by the relatives of Mr. Smith.

Re: Stop N^o Shop – A call was received from a concerned resident regarding unsanitary conditions at the restrooms in Stop N^o Shop on Main Street. An inspection was conducted and the received complaint went unfounded, as no such conditions existed.

Re: BJ's – A complaint was received regarding the meats display at BJ's Wholesale Club. After investigation, it was noted that the meats were being displayed in accordance with the MA state food code (105CMR590)

Re: LA Fitness – A complaint was received from a concerned parent regarding the heating of the day care center at LA Fitness. It was explained to the concerned party that the Board of Health does not maintain direct jurisdiction over the amenities of a private business, however, a call was placed to LA Fitness to expedite the process of fixing the heating system in that area.

Re: 22 Warren Street – A complaint was received from Department of Public Works/Selectmen/Town Administrator regarding the amount of trash that was placed out for town service on 2/19/2014. After the investigation, it was noted that the owner had removed all trash at the behest of the Board of Health and Department of Public Works prior to pick-up and a written warning was issued to the property and they were advised of proper protocols to discard that amount of garbage.

Other:

Tobacco Control/ Drug Paraphernalia Regulations – The new draft of Stoneham's Tobacco Control Regulation, as well as a drug paraphernalia regulation have been brought before the Board of Selectmen and are currently awaiting review from the Board of Health. A public hearing is to be scheduled by the Board of Health to vote these drafts into regulation.

Uno Fresco – An application has been submitted to the Board of Health office for review of a new restaurant, Uno's Fresco, to be located at Redstone Plaza. They have applied for a beer and wine license, and as of 2/25/2014, everything seems to be in place in terms of Board of Health requirements. We are currently awaiting contact from the contractor.

The Commons @ Weiss Farm – New plans have been submitted for the housing development slated for Weiss Farm. The main concerns still remain as traffic and drainage issues, as well as zoning. A new advisory group consisting of safety officials, Board of Health, Selectmen, civil engineers, and spokesmen for the townspeople has been formed to hash out the Town's requirements for Mass Housing's endeavor. The next meeting for this advisory group is scheduled for 3/5/2014.

Vice-Chairperson Dean motions to accept the Health Agents report. Dr. Carino seconds the motion. It passes with all in favor.

Mr. Fralick would like to discuss the new proposed regulations as well as a new regulation concerning the sale of drug paraphernalia. He states in addition to the old regulations, the new addition to the regulations will be in the form of casting a lot of net in terms of bringing in smoke delivery products to Stoneham establishments. A pharmacy ban has also been added. CVS has already pulled smoke products nationally. As for the other chain, we did add a blunt wrap ban and an educational institutional ban. A ban has also been added for playgrounds, parks and swimming areas. Another ban has been added to target the non-traditional smoking devices such as bongos and glass pipes. Mr. Fralick suggests the new regulations begin with the new annual permits which begin on June 1st. of each year. This will give establishment time to remove this paraphernalia from their shelves. A notice will be made up to send to the businesses that handle tobacco products. This notice will let them know the new regulations have taken place. A copy of the new regulations will be

included with the new annual permits. Mr. Scullin asks about the fines. Mr. Fralick states the basic fines will be \$100, \$200 and \$300. Enforcement shall be made by the Board of Health or its designee, being Maureen Busby as the Compliance Officer. Chairman Scullin asks who will be the enforcement at public parks and public places. Mr. Fralick offers signage as a resolution to that particular problem. Ms. Dean suggests putting the actual fine amounts on the signs. Mr. Scullin states he will call the next Board of Health meeting to order to open the meeting and then will proceed directly into the Public Hearing for the new Tobacco Regulations. Mr. Scullin asks for questions or comments about the new regulations.

Old Business:

55 Calthea Street. Mr. Fralick states the Housing Authority did start a 30 eviction after that incident happened. Mr. Fralick believes the unit is vacant now but states he has not been back to re-inspect since then.

Mr. Scullin asks about the complaint about the silverfish. Mr. Fralick states he has not heard anything from Josephine but says he did do an inspection and did not find evidence of an infestation.

Mr. Scullin then questions about 202 Franklin Street and the asbestos pipe issue. Mr. Fralick states the pipe was removed by the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Concerning 3 Marble Street, Mr. Fralick states all remaining issues with the location are structural and will be overseen by the Inspectional Services Department.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Professor Dean motions to accept the minutes of January 21, 2014. Dr. Carino seconds the motion and it passes with all in favor.

Set next meeting date:

The Board has set March 18, 2014 as the next meeting date.

Chairman Scullin asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Carino seconds the motion. Chairman Scullin seconds the motion and it passes with all in favor.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted
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