

DRACUT BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes January 20, 2011
Dracut Fire Department, Conference Room
488 Pleasant Street
Dracut, MA 01826

Present: Evan Themeles, Chairman; Louis E. Rousseau, Vice Chairman; Thomas F. Bomil, Public Health Director.

Absent: Paul Enis; Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

No Appointments

Old Business:

91 Sesame Street-Bi-Weekly status report: Mr. Bomil explains to the Board that he sends these reports every two weeks to Glen Edwards and as you can see it is basically the same thing. The owner is in the process of sealing the floors and meeting with the Association of Retarded Citizen (ARC) Board of Directors to maybe sell the property. Ms. Emery (owner) also will get an appraisal of the property once the sealing of the floors is completed. The only complaint now is there a big gray cat in the neighborhood; the Animal Control Officer patrols the area daily and has not seen the cat in question.

Mr. Bomil explains that by the next Board of Health meeting he is pretty sure he will be inspecting the property because they are sealing the floors. The sealing product they are using can actually eliminate odors. This product is also used to eliminate odors due to fires.

New Business:

Public Health District Incentive Grant Program-with Lowell: Mr. Bomil explains that back in December he met with Christine Connolly, Public Health Nurse Manager for the City of Lowell. She contacted me about a grant to share a town nurse, the way it would work is presently Tyngsboro does not have a town nurse nor does Dracut, the City of Lowell would apply for this grant and we would share a nurse on a three way basis. Mr. Bomil further explains that there would be no cost to the town, Lowell would pay the benefits and we would use the service on an as needed basis, and we would have to set up some type of schedule. Probably we won't know until September because there is a process in all grants. Mr. Rousseau adds there is a gentleman by the name of Ferguson who is on the cable commission with Mr. Rousseau, whose

wife is a nurse and she sent Mr. Rousseau an e-mail informing him that she will be willing to do some volunteer nursing services for the town, she is currently working at Holy Family and works the second shift. Mr. Bomil will definitely look into it, we can always use volunteers. Mr. Bomil also stated the volunteer nurse from Lowell General Hospital was so accommodating. Mr. Rousseau will e-mail the nurse and let her know Mr. Bomil will get in touch with her. Getting back to the grant Mr. Bomil explains that he thinks it's a five year grant and if we do get the grant the town manager will have to show that eventually a nurse will be hired within that five year period.

Pro-rating permit fees for the opening of new restaurant/retail establishments: Mr. Bomil explains what he is looking for approval from the Board to pro-rate permit fees for new businesses. Mr. Bomil explains that we have a lot of establishments come in for example, new owners come in and taking over an existing establishment say in July, I heard some towns are pro-rating the annual permit.

Motion made by Evan Themeles to pro-rate new establishments starting with the month of September through December 31st.

Seconded by Louis Rousseau.

Mr. Bomil informs the Board another problem we have to look into next year is the establishments that are late every year renewing their annual permit. Mr. Bomil explains that by right they should be closed down after December 31st midnight if there permit is not paid.

Letters, applications, workmen's compensation forms are sent out to each establishment by December 1st. to renew their annual permits. Seconded notices are sent out three weeks later to establishments that didn't respond. Mr. Bomil suggested adding to the annual cover letter that if you are not licensed you will be subject to closure on January 1st and will have to appear before the Board of Health to have your permits re-issued. The Board agrees with this but it will be tabled until the next meeting when there is a full Board.

Minutes: Motion made by Evan Themeles to approve the minutes of November 18th, 2010.

Seconded by Louis Rousseau.

Motion made by Evan Themeles to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by Louis Rousseau.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Evan Themeles, Chairman

Louis E. Rousseau, Vice Chairman

absent
Paul Enis, Clerk