

DRACUT BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Dracut Fire Department, Class Room  
488 Pleasant Street  
Dracut, MA 01826

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

**New Business:**

**Zhengi's AJ, Inc. d/b/a/Kashin Garden, 10 Dinley St.:** Ping Zeng appeared before the Board in behalf of Kashin Garden seeking a variance for the exemption of acidified rice (sushi rice) as a potentially hazardous food specified under § 3-502.11. The facility has a HACCP which was submitted to the Board for their review. That plan will be maintained at the restaurant and will be made available for review.

Motion made by Paul Enis to accept variance.

Seconded by Louis Rousseau                      Unanimous

**Public Hearing on Proposed Regulations to Ban Smoking within 15 feet from any Municipal Building:** Evan Themeles opened the public hearing (no one in attendance). Mr. Bomil asked the Board if they had any comments on the smoking regulations that Attorney Hall submitted. Mr. Rousseau asks after this is passed will a sign be posted. Mr. Bomil commented that the Town Manager did an executive order back in June until the Board passed the regulation. Public Notice announcement was advertised in The Valley Dispatch July 22, 2011.

Motion made by Paul Enis to approve smoking ban regulations.

Seconded by Louis Rousseau.                      Unanimous

**Abandoned Buildings:** Mr. Bomil informs the Board that there was a meeting this past week with Glen Edwards, the Town Manager, the Building Inspector and myself regarding abandoned buildings in town. Mr. Bomil explains that the Attorney General's office has a program going now on buildings that have been abandoned for a long time, whether people let it go or don't have the money to repair it. The Attorney General's office will step in and basically started a program as far as getting the property brought up to code or fixed. What they will do is notify the owner, sending a letter stating that the owner is in violation. The letter notifies the owner that they are in violation and will give the owner the option of repairing the property themselves or the Attorney General's office finds someone to fix the property. Mr. Bomil further states that once the property is repaired a lien is then put on the property and when the property is sold whatever

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money is left the owner gets the proceeds from the sale. Mr. Bomil informs the Board that a list was submitted with 10 to 12 abandoned houses today.

**Various Complaints:** Mr. Bomil has been busy addressing various complaints between the landlord and tenant regarding violations.

**Old Business**

**District Incentive Grant Update:** Mr. Bomil informs the Board that he is still involved with meetings on the collative on sharing a nurse. We are in the stage now that we have to submit a plan and if the State approves this plan and we get the grant money, which should be sometime in January, there will be a shared nurse between Lowell, Dracut, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, strictly for communicable diseases only.

**New Business:**

**Flu Clinic:** Mr. Bomil informs the Board that we are in the beginning stages in setting up this year's flu clinic. He also states he plans on getting in touch with Joanne Sargent from Sargent Associates to set up the nursing aspect of it right after Labor Day. The flu vaccine has been ordered from the State and also from a private company.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Evan Themeles to approve the minutes of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Seconded by: Louis Rousseau                      Unanimous

**Next Board of Health meeting:** Scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Motion made by Paul Enis to adjourn meeting

Seconded by Louis E. Rousseau                      Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 5:40pm

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Evan Themeles, Chairman

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Louis E. Rousseau, Vice Chairman

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Paul Enis, Clerk

Helen Lareau, recording secretary

