

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 19, 2013

Town Council Chambers, Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. John Straus called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Dr. Barbara Beck, and Kristel Bennett.

Minute Review: The Board of Health reviewed the minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting. Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mt Auburn Club: Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer informed the Board that the owners of Mt Auburn Club, Paul and Bill Crowley were before the Board for an administrative hearing to request modification of compliance time with the order to correct letters dated January 8, 2013 and May 2, 2013. Present at the hearing was Glen Franks, Paul Crowley, and Bill Crowley from Mt Auburn Club, and Kristel Bennett from the Watertown Health Department. Mrs. Bennett presented the findings of the Health Department inspections of the swimming pool and the whirlpool. Mr. Franks discussed the course of action taken by Mt Auburn Club to comply with the Chapter V of the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 435.00 including but not limited to pre-conditioning the make-up water, improving air exchange in the pool area, and implementing an ozone system. After much discussion thereof and after hearing the Health Department findings, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to approve the request to modify compliance time with the order to correct letter dated January 8, 2013 and May 2, 2013. Mt Auburn Club must comply with the order letters dated January 8, 2013 and May 2, 2013 by September 15, 2013. If the violations remain unabated by September 15, 2013 then Mt Auburn Club's Permit to Operate a Swimming Pool and a Whirlpool may be suspended or revoked before the Board of Health. Dr. Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Glow Tanning: Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer informed the Board that Glow Tanning was before the Board for an Administrative hearing to discuss why the Board of Health should not refuse to renew Glow Tanning's Permit to Operate a Tanning facility in accordance with 105 CMR 123.012 for failing to renew the Tanning Facility License and operating without a 2013-2014 Tanning Facility License. Present at the hearing was Jenna Wall, Glow Tanning Manager, and Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer for the Watertown Health Department. Mrs. Bennett provided a chronology to the board. Mrs. Bennett informed the Board that the owner has submitted an email regarding attendance at the hearing. Mrs. Bennett informed the Board that the owner paid the renewal fees, submitted a completed renewal application, and is currently operating under a Temporary Permit to Operate a Tanning Facility. After hearing the findings and after much discussion thereof, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to renew Glow Tanning's Permit to Operate a Tanning Establishment for the permit year 2013-2014. Glow Tanning must maintain compliance with 105 CMR 123.000 and renew their Permit to Operate a Tanning Facility prior to the end of the permit year, May 31, 2014. Failure to comply with 105 CMR 123.000 may result in a suspension or revocation of Glow Tanning's Permit to Operate a Tanning Facility before the Board of Health. Dr. John Straus stepped down as chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

25 Cottage Street: Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer informed the Board the owner of 25 Cottage Street, Uma and Bawa Mannan, were before the Board for an administrative hearing to request modification of compliance time with the administrative order letter dated April 25, 2013. Kristel Bennett, provided a chronology to the Board. Bawa Mannan informed the Board of the plans to comply with the order letter dated April 25, 2013. After hearing the findings of the Health inspection and after much discussion thereof, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to approve the request to modify compliance time with the order to correct letter dated April 25, 2013. The property owners, Uma and Bawa Mannan must correct all violations listed in the April 25, 2013 order to correct letter by July 17, 2013. The bedroom containing the excessive materials is not to be occupied until compliance is achieved with the order letter dated April 25, 2013; the bedroom is to remain vacant and secured. The bedroom remains unfit for human habitation due to the conditions that pose an immediately danger to the health and safety of the occupant(s) in particular excessive material accumulation causing the

egresses to be blocked. Compliance with the order letter dated April 25, 2013 must be achieved by July 17, 2013. If the violations remain unabated by July 17, 2013 then a court complaint shall be filed against the property owners, Uma and Bawa Mannon of 25 Cottage Street in Waltham District Court for non-compliance with the order letter dated April 25, 2013. Dr. John Straus stepped down as chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Russo's: Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer informed the Board that the owner of Russo's, Michael Russo, was before the Board for a status hearing to update the board as to the progress with the December 19, 2012 Board of Health decision. Present at the hearing was Michael Russo, owner of Russo's, Dirk Keifor, Russo's Food Consultant, and Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer for the Watertown Health Department. Mrs. Bennett informed the Board that the third comprehensive inspection was conducted by Dan Repella, Health Officer for the Watertown Health Department on May 17, 2013, this inspection revealed 2 critical and 5 noncritical violations. This inspection revealed a reduction in the number of critical and noncritical violations. In addition, Mrs. Bennett informed the Board that Russo's had complied with the December 19, 2012 Board of Health order. Mr. Russo discussed hiring a full time in house Food Sanitation Manager. Mr. Keifor discussed the improvements Russo's has made including but not limited to the addition of the large refrigerated area. After hearing the findings of the Health Department inspection report and after much discussion thereof, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to lift the requirements of the December 19, 2012 Board of Health order since Russo's has complied with the order. Russo's has retained the services of a Professional Food consultant, the Professional food Consultant has provided bi-monthly audits, more food employees have been ServSafe certified, and the Health Department has conducted three unannounced inspection. The Health Department inspection has shown an improvement in the reduction of the number of violations. The Board of Health commends the efforts over the past year to comply with the December 19, 2012 Board of Health order, violations of the Chapter X of the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 590.000, and Russo's efforts to hire a full time in house Food Sanitation Manager. Russo's is required to maintain compliance with Chapter X of the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 590.000, should inspection reports reveal trends in non-compliance and a high number of serious and repeated violations of 105 CMR 590.000 Russo's Permit to Operate a Food Establishment may be suspended or revoked before

the Board of Health. Dr. John Straus stepped down as chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pesticide Discussion: Kristel Bennett introduced Bob DiRico, Supervisor of Forestry, Parks, & Cemeteries to the Board. Mr. DiRico discussed Watertown's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan. This plan created in 2001 included an IPM Committee but that committee has never met. Mr. DiRico recommended members of this committee to be from the Health Department, the Tree Warden, Mr. DiRico, and two representatives from the community. The purpose of the IPM Committee would be to make informed decision if pesticides are required to be placed on town property, to reduce the use of pesticides. Mr. DiRico informed the Board of Newton's IPM Committee and Watertown turf management practices. Deb King proposed to the Board to take the IPM Committee a step further to adopt an Organic Pest Management Regulation to eliminate the use of pesticides on town owned property. After much discussion thereof, Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion that the Board requests that Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer for the Health Department to speak with the Department of Public Works to establish an IPM Committee as suggested in the IPM Plan from 2001 to decide appropriate actions, the IPM Committee should include the Department of Public Works, members from the Public, the Health Department, the Tree Warden, and a landscape expert. The IPM Committee should incorporate current scientific understanding regarding integrated pest management as applied to the lands of Watertown. Dr. John Straus stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Keeping of Animal Regulation: Kristel Bennett informed the Board that draft language is being reviewed and she will be meeting with Zoning and Planning to discuss proposed language.

Metrics & SOP Update: Peter Wilner updated the Board of his progress in the development of an electronic tracking system to capture needed metrics for the Health Department and to generate reports. Mr. Wilner reviewed a logic model and a spreadsheet that captures inspection dates. Mr. Wilner and the Board discussed using a program that fulfills strategic objectives, by scheduling of inspections, and tracking individual performance measures. The Board will continue to discuss this at the next Board meeting.

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Grant Updates CCII, CCIII, Region 4b: Kristel Bennett provided updates to the Board regarding the status of the Compassionate Connections III, and the Region 4b grants.

Next Meeting Date: July 17, 2013

Adjourn: 9:45 PM

Minutes: Submitted by Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer