

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

July 16, 2008

Town Council Chambers, Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Beck called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Beck, Dr. John Straus, Dr. Carl Brownsberger, Steven Ward, Kristel Bennett, Mark Waksmonski, and Karen O'Reilly.

Minute Review: The Board of Health reviewed the minutes of June 18, 2008. Dr. Straus made a motion to accept the minutes of June 18, 2008. Dr. Beck seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

District 1 Presentation: Ms. Karen O'Reilly, the Watertown Animal Control Officer/ Jr. Sanitarian gave a presentation to the Board on the Watertown Health Department Mosquito Control Project. Through the Mosquito Control Project the Watertown Health Department seeks to minimize human exposure to mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), by larvaciding catchbasins, educating the community about standing water, and handing out door hangers that focus on education to residential and commercial properties where standing water is found. Larvaciding catchbasins took place from July 8-10, 2008 and 3,777 were treated in Watertown.

Mr. Mark Waksmonski, Sanitarian for the Watertown Health Department gave a presentation to the Board on the Watertown Hazardous Materials Program. There are 159 permitted hazardous material establishments in Watertown and inspections take place from June 1st – May 31st. During the previous inspection season there were 90 establishments that had violations, most from improper practices and lack of education. Solutions for the violations include providing documents, instructions, and tutorials on the health department website and to provide more in house trainings to promote safe practices regarding the handling and disposition of hazardous materials.

Napoli Pizza: Mr. Mark Waksmonski presented the findings of the July 3, 2008 food inspection. . The Board took note that a representative from Napoli Pizza did not appear for the hearing, despite being notified in the July 10, 2008 letter form the Health Department. After much discussion thereof, the Board of Health voted unanimously that should further instances of impediment or interference with a food establishment inspections defined in Chapter 1 of the State Sanitary Code, specifically 105 CMR 400.100(C), Article X of the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 590.000(B), and/or serious and repeated violations of the State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 590.000 occur, the Board may pursue suspension or revocation of Napoli Pizza's permit to operate a food service establishment. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Health also voted that four random health departments inspection will be conducted each year for the next two years. Additionally, the Board of Health voted to require a Person In charge (PIC) training. The Person In Charge (PIC) training will be held on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Watertown Administration Building located at 149 Main Street, Watertown

Emergency Preparedness: Mr. Steven Ward updated the Board on emergency Preparedness Planning in Watertown.

Miscellaneous: Dr. Beck made a motion to enter into Executive Session based on litigation at involving 160 – 162 Arsenal St 9:15 PM. Dr. Straus seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken and all were in favor. Dr. Beck made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 PM. Dr. Straus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting Date: August 20, 2008

Adjourn: 9:45 PM

Minutes: Submitted by Steven J. Ward, Director of Public Health