

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 20, 2000

ROOM 221, MEMORIAL BUILDING

FRAMINGHAM, MASS

Board Members Present: James A. Gordon, Chairman
Thomas L. Treadwell, M.D., Secretary
Nelson Goldin

Staff Present: Robert T. Cooper, Public Health Administrator
Loretta L. DeLucia, Administrative Assistant

Other Attendees: Linda Dragone, Suzanne Aucoin, and Albert H. Cullen

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES -

The minutes of the October 18th meeting were accepted with changes, and the November 27th minutes were accepted.

LOT RELEASE: GRIFFIN ROAD

Attorney Albert Cullen was in attendance to represent the current owners of a property at Lot 88, Griffin Road. During a recent title search, it was discovered that the lot was "subject to further restrictions of the Board of Health". No releases had been recorded to Lot 88 from either the Town of Framingham Planning Board or the Board of Health. Robert Cooper researched the records and could not find any reason to maintain this encumbrance. It was believed that the two original builders, Adams & Amato, went bankrupt, and although it was suspected that there was a release, it was yet to be followed up on.

James Gordon asked Mr. Cooper if there were any problems to give reason not to release the lot. Mr. Cooper responded that there were none. The Board voted in favor of releasing the lot, and James Gordon, Chairman signed the release and gave it to Attorney Albert Cullen.

MESSAGE THERAPIST: SUZANNE C. AUCOIN

James Gordon reviewed Ms. Aucoin's credentials that were in good order. He asked Ms. Aucoin when she received her Certificate. Ms. Aucoin responded that she received her Certificate in October, and was currently licensed in Hopedale. He intention is to work in Hopedale part time, and to work at the Wellness Center in Framingham part time. James Gordon told Ms. Aucoin that her license in Framingham would be site specific and is not transferable.

There were no questions from the Board. Dr. Treadwell made a motion to grant a Massage License to Ms. Augoin. The motion passed.

MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT & THERAPIST: LINDA DRAGONE

James Gordon reviewed Ms. Dragone's credentials that appeared to be in good order. James Gordon asked Mr. Cooper if he inspected the proposed establishment at 1071 Worcester Road. Mr. Cooper sent a sanitarian out to the site who reported that the office did not have a sink where the massages would take place. The sink was in the bathroom down the hall, the sink being separated from the toilet area. The sink is not that far so that while the client is preparing for a visit, Ms. Dragone could be washing her hands. James Gordon knew the building well, and agreed that the bathrooms are not too far from the office space. Nelson Goldin asked if the Board had granted similar variances in the past. Mr. Cooper responded yes.

Nelson Goldin made a motion to grant Establishment & Massage Therapy Licenses. James Gordon explained to Ms. Dragone that the Licenses are site specific. The motion passed. Ms. Dragone asked about the procedure to do on site corporate chair massage. Mr. Cooper explained that before she would be allowed to do chair massage, the Board would need to receive a letter from the company notifying us of their request for this service, and we would also have to be notified by Ms. Dragone if this is her intention.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cooper reported that since the last meeting, the Health Department condemned two houses. One house was on Pleasant Street where an older woman was living, had a stroke and let the property run down to a totally unsanitary condition. The family needed an official posting to be able to remove her from the property. She is now living with one of her son's.

The other house condemned was on Charles Street. The Health Department got a call from the Fire Department who was called by the Gas Company. The basement was so cluttered with junk and makeshift rooms, that the gas company could not find the meters. The tenants left candles burning and space heaters on. The property was cleaned up and the makeshift rooms torn down.

James Gordon addressed the Board with some ideas. The MetroWest News, whom wanted the Board of Health to publish a regular article on information that would impact the community, had approached him. It was also mentioned that it would be of greater value if it was also translated into Portuguese and or Spanish. Other suggested topics would be an interview with Dr. Treadwell of Infectious Diseases; an interview with Robert Cooper; and issues facing students.

All agreed that this was a good idea and James Gordon would pursue these ideas.

Nelson Goldin brought up the idea that he felt Identification badges should be carried by all Board Members and he urged all to get one.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

James A. Gordon, Chairman