

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2000

ROOM 221, MEMORIAL BUILDING

FRAMINGHAM, MASS

The Board of Health meeting held on Wednesday, January 19, 2000, was called to order by Chairman Adam Sisitsky.

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

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

Other Attendees: Louise Boland, and Patricia Mazzola

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 15th meeting were accepted unanimously.

MICHELLE ZEAMER: UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT OF NEW NO-SMOKING TOWN BY-LAW; NEW BUDGET FIGURES

Adam Sisitsky congratulated Michelle Zeamer for the high rank she received in the Metrowest Region for her Tobacco Control Programs. Michelle Zeamer presented her list of some of the larger restaurants which did go smoke free, and also noted that she did 67 compliance checks on December 29. Dr. Treadwell asked if any were not in compliance. Michelle Zeamer replied yes: Gourmet Liquors, Honey Farms and AV's Market. Gourmet Liquors and AV's Market are contesting. Gourmet Liquors told the offender in his establishment that the offender would be responsible for paying the fine. The offender admits he was trained and admitted that he made a mistake.

Next, Michelle Zeamer told the Board that the State had given the Tobacco Program an additional \$53,000 to spend by June 30. The funds are to be used for Enforcement related matters such as: hiring an Enforcement Agent to do compliance checks evenings and weekends; a Community Coordinator to work on media advocacy; Clerical Staff to help with record keeping; and mass mailings plus a media campaign to let people know when the law is being broken.

Michelle Zeamer next announced that the Tobacco Program might receive \$124,000 in the next fiscal year. Next year Michelle Zeamer will apply for Portuguese outreach and put students on the payroll for enforcement.

MASSAGE THERAPY ESTABLISHMENT: THE FITNESS COMPANY

Adam Sisitsky asked Robert Cooper if he had reviewed the application of The Fitness Company. Mr. Cooper replied that he had and that he also had visited the The Fitness Company that day. The Only problem noted was that the area where massage took place, did not have a sink yet. It was feasible to have a sink installed and Louise Boland of the Fitness Company pledged she would have the sink done as soon as possible. Louise Boland asked for 60 days to have sink installed and in the meantime, they

could use the sink in the boiler room. James Gordon asked if she was renting the space. Louise Boland replied that she was part owner. Adam Sisitsky asked for a motion. James Gordon made a motion to accept The Fitness Company as a Massage Establishment, contingent upon installing the proper sink within 60 days. The motion was passed.

MESSAGE THERAPIST: PATRICIA MAZZOLA

Adam Sisitsky asked if all papers were in order. Robert Cooper replied that all credentials were in order for Patricia Mazzola to practice massage at The Fitness Company. Adam asked the Board if they had any questions. None were asked. James Gordon moved that the application be approved. Dr. Treadwell seconded. All were in favor. Ms. Mazzola was granted a Massage Therapy License to practice at The Fitness Company.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Robert Cooper reported that he had not yet heard from Public Works about the recycling program, however, he heard that they received a grant of \$11000.

Robert Cooper announced that the Budget had not been cut yet. James Gordon asked how the proposed override would affect the Department. Robert Cooper stated he did not have an answer on any cuts yet. Robert Cooper explained that he projects his budget on actual figures with no exaggerating. He mentioned that there was a voluntary freeze over the summer, in that when people left, they were not replaced for a while.

As far as the restaurant scene, it was mentioned that the Cactus Grille had closed, but no problems otherwise. Robert Cooper mentioned that Phil Ottaviani applied for a permit to re-open the Union House. James Gordon referenced an article in the paper, which interviewed 20 restaurants who claimed no problems with the smoke free by-law.

Robert Cooper reported that the Department has undertaken intensive enforcement of regulations in the southside area of town from restaurants to dumpsters. The Health Department is trying to find a Portuguese food safety trainer. The owner of Casa de Carne has been helping out with translations when needed. Michael Fridley, our Administrative Assistant, speaks both Portuguese and Spanish, and this has helped out quite a bit in the office.

The next Board of Health Meeting was set for Wednesday, February 23rd and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Adam Sisitsky, Chairman