



Board of Health

June 27, 2013 – 6:30 PM - **Minutes**
1213 Purchase Street., New Bedford, MA

****View Agenda****

A public meeting of the Board of Health was held on June 27, 2013 in the Health Department conference room, 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

Present: Patricia Andrade, M.D., Chairperson
Athena Xifaras, M.D., Member
Craig Longo, M.D., Member

Also Present: Dr. Brenda K. Weis, Director of Public Health

CALL TO ORDER

1. Dr. Xifaras called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Dr. Andrade called roll with herself Dr. Craig Longo and Dr. Weis as present. Dr. Andrade called for a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 22, 2013.

MOTION: by Dr. Longo to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 22, 2013. **SECONDED:** Dr. Andrade. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

ACTION

2. 148 Rockland St., 1st. Floor, Request for Hearing Re: Minimum Housing Violation Order #28109; Craig Bateman, Owner, 255 Neck Rd., Rochester, MA, Judy Felix, tenant not present; Renee Stevens, Senior Housing Inspector not present/Ronald Leger, Inspector, present.

Mr. Ron Leger appeared before the Board and stated that on May 8, 2013 they received a complaint from the tenant, Judy Felix, about the possibility of a mold-like substance in basement of 148 Rockland St., 1st. Floor. Ron also received a referral from the Building Dept about this property. During his inspection, he found a mold-like substance and a broken window and only one smoke alarm.

Mr. Bateman stated he keeps the house clean and does not question any of Mr. Leger's findings, but that he did have the house inspected two weeks prior to this and the inspector did go downstairs, but he did report finding a mold-like substance. The person that Mr. Bateman had check his property stated there was water residue from the dryer. The window that was broken was in a storage area that tenant kept locked and he was unaware that it was broken, although once he found out, he had it fixed right away.

Dr. Andrade stated if everything is fixed then we set up a time for Mr. Leger to come back and re-inspect the property to check off every item that need to be corrected. After that, nothing more would be required of Mr. Bateman.

3. 153 Belleville Ave., Apt. 3E, Request for Hearing Re: Minimum Housing Violation Order #28133; Eric S. Place, Owner, 153 Belleville Ave., Apt. 1E, New Bedford, MA, Cheyane Miranda, tenant not present; Renee Stevens, Senior Housing Inspector, not present; Ronald Leger, Inspector, present.

Mr. Leger appeared before the Board and stated that he did an inspection at 153 Belleville Ave. Apt. 3E on May 14, 2013 and a few violations were found. Multiple screens were missing from windows, the kitchen electric outlet missing cover, the bathroom ceiling was damaged and stained, and there was indication that there were mice and roaches in the apartment.

Mr. Place stated this apartment has been fumigated twice a month prior to renting to this tenant and he had informed the tenant of that. He has told the tenants to keep the apartment clean because he was told by pest control professionals that it is up to the tenants after the apartment has been fumigated to keep it clean.

Mr. Place stated to the Board that he disagrees that he needs to have a professional retreat the apartment. Dr. Andrade asked if some of the violations have been fixed. Mr. Place affirmed that the kitchen, A/C outlets and heater thermostat all have covers on them now.

Dr. Xifaras arrived at this point in meeting.

MOTION: by Dr. Longo for a re-inspection of 153 Belleville Ave., Apt. 3E. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES**

4. Request for Board of Health Approval for Recreational Camp Health Care Consultant Agreement at YMCA's Camp Frederick Douglas, 25 South First Street for summer 2013.

Invitee: Mary Freire Kellogg, Sanitarian

MOTION: by Dr. Longo to approve the Health Care Agreement for YMCA's Camp Frederick Douglas. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES**

5. Request for Board of Health Approval for Little People's College Health Care Plan @ 850 Church Street for summer 2013.

Invitee: Mary Freire Kellogg, Sanitarian

MOTION: by Dr. Longo to approve the Health Care Plan for Little People's College. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES**

6. Medical Marijuana

Invitees: Brenda K. Weis, Director of Public Health

Dr. Weis discussed the status of medical marijuana legislation in Massachusetts and the BOH's opinion about passing regulations concerning cultivation for personal usage. The BOH agreed that crafting such regulation makes sense for the community and decided to devote time to this topic in upcoming meetings.

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CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: by Dr. Andrade to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED:** Dr. Longo. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Dr. Andrade adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



A true record attest:

Director of Public Health

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