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## November 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes

**Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 14, 2007**  
**First Floor Conference Room**  
**Senior Center**  
**5:15pm**

*Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick (Chair)*

*Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services, Natasha Thorne, Health Inspector, Joseph Carabello, Health Inspector*

- I. Approval of meeting minutes from September 19, 2007 meeting-postponed.
  
- II. HEARING: David Spero, owner 1531 Massachusetts Avenue  
Present at the hearing: David Spero, Maryanne Spero, wife, and Denise Spero, daughter and attorney for the Spero's.  
Natasha Thorne presented a memo outlining the history of this case from September 18, 2007 to the present time to the board members. On September 18, 2007, Natasha Thorne and Teresa Wood, BOH Inspectors, conducted a home inspection at 1531 Massachusetts Ave following a complaint called in by the tenant, Cheryl Spencer. A letter outlining the violations was sent to Mr. Spero on October 1, 2007. Mr. Spero had responded to this letter immediately. Over the course of this case, Mr. Spero and family had continuously updated the Health Department on the progress and had reported having difficulty gaining access to the apartment to correct the violations. He requested a hearing with the Board following numerous problems that have arisen, including the tenant's denial to allow Mr. Spero's entry to the apartment. A re-inspection of the property on November 1, 2007 revealed that the majority of the violations had been corrected. The Board of Health requested that Mr. Spero provide receipts for work that had been conducted in the apartment that the tenant claimed had not been repaired. In addition, based on the good faith efforts made to repair all violations, the Board voted to grant him a 30-day extension to complete the remaining violations.
  
- III. VARIANCE REQUEST: Onno Lee, Kayuga II, 444-446 Massachusetts Avenue  
Present at the hearing: Onno Lee, owner, and Chuan Wang, Sushi Manager. The owner of Kayuga II requested a variance for Acidification of sushi rice. The Health Inspector, Natasha Thorne, made a recommend to approve the variance providing the following stipulations are met: 1) Provide documentation to the BOH of completed training to be provided by Food Service Solution on preparing and testing of pH for sushi rice as outline in the HACCP plan.  
2) Provide documentation of test results for the sushi rice recipe from an independent lab, which verify a pH of 4.0 or below. 3) Provide documentation to BOH verifying that Kayuga II will purchase all sushi grade fish from True Worlds. A motion was made and seconded that Kayuga II receive the variance and was passed.
  
- IV. Flu Clinic Schedule: Fall 2007  
BOH has purchased 500 doses this year with money received from Medicare for year's clinic, and we are trying to increase the number of people we will be vaccinating this year. We intend to run a number of small clinics through the Housing Authority's Elder Housing. We held a clinic at the Arlington Retirement Club today and learned a lesson that next year we must offer the flu clinic much earlier to them and also invite their wives. We will be holding flu clinics every Tuesday in November at the Senior Center. We received vaccine from Lahey this year and we have donated 200 doses. We also received 1100 doses from the State. We will also be hosting the Regional, (Brookline, Newton, Watertown, Lexington) Flu and Pneumonia Clinic at the Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 to 12 noon.
  
- V. MRSA Discussion  
This is the new "super bug" as described by the news outlets CNN, Good Morning, America, etc. Parents of school age children have voiced concern and the superintendent of schools would like to put something out to reassure parents that steps are being taken in Arlington schools. The bathrooms and locker rooms will be power-washed and attention brought

to the students about the importance of washing their hands properly and supplying soap, paper towels, etc.

VI Restaurant Updates

Food Inspector, Natasha Thorne, reported the following restaurant updates:

**Openings:** "Whatta Wing" 218 Mass Ave, specializing in a variety of chicken wings and Shanghai and Tokyo, 669A Mass Ave, specializing in sushi.

**Closings:** Buddy's, 882 Mass Ave. Movies on A Menu, 148 Mass Ave., and Asiana Grill, 444 Mass Ave.

**Administrative hearings:** Great Wok, Manna Sushi, is required to hire a consultant. Mifune Restaurant is required to have additional HACCP training. Sweet Sue's is required to hire a consultant and submit a reorganization plan. Tiki In is required to hire a new full time Person in Charge who is approved by the BOH. These establishments are fined \$100 for each re-inspection.

**Other:** annual fees for food permits will be increased for 2008.

Adjournment