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Board of Health Minutes 02-06-2002

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

4:00 p.m., Fox Community Center

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos, Mr. Mark Fingerle
Staff in Attendance: Denise Hunt Boucher (Health Compliance Officer), Christine Connolly (Health Compliance Officer), Marie Walsh (Director of Public Health)

- I. Minutes of December 12, 2001 meeting postponed until next meeting.
- II. Mr. David Walkinshaw of Saville & Grannan Funeral Service requested a hearing to be appointed an agent to sign death certificates. Marie Walsh described the process of burial permit issuance and her role in signing death certificates. Ms. Walsh requested that should Mr. Walkinshaw be authorized to sign death certificates, that he report causes of death to her for epidemiological purposes. The Board voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Walkinshaw's request.
- III. Ms. Walsh reported that the Massage Therapy Regulations Review Committee has completed the process of reviewing and comparing regulations from other municipalities. Copies of the draft regulations will be available at the next meeting for review and discussion.
- IV. Hearing Request: Mr. Robert Thomas requested a hearing in response to an inspection of his parent's property at 27 Dartmouth Street. Christine Connolly conducted the inspection at the request of the tenant. Ms. Connolly reported that Mr. Thomas was unable to attend the hearing, but requested a deadline extension to complete repair inside the unit, as the tenants were denying access. Ms. Connolly also reported that the tenants will vacate the unit at the end of February. The Board voted unanimously to grant an extension -- all repairs must be completed by March 15, 2002.
- V. Hearing Request: Mr. David Wilfert requested a hearing in response to an inspection of his property at 60 Pleasant Street G-4. Ms. Walsh conducted the inspection at the request of the tenant. Mr. Wilfert asked for an extension to complete repairs inside the unit, and stated that the tenants have denied access. The Board voted unanimously to grant an extension -- all repairs must be completed by February 28, 2002.
- VI. Denise Hunt Boucher reported that the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program experienced funding cuts for this fiscal year and that 4-8% cut of our funding from them is expected.
- VII. Next Meeting: March 20, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.