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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING, March 21, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above date. Mrs. Maria Xylas, Vice President, read the Board's compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Maria Xylas, Dr. Galit Sacijui, Dr. Hugh Evans, Howard Bader, Dr. Michael Basista, Sam Yanovich, Health Officer, and Martha Rogalski, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Absent: Dr. Herbert Lazarus, Dr. Daniel Feit

Also present: Council Liaison Jon Warms, Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi

A motion was made by Dr. Sacajiu and seconded by Mr. Bader to approve the minutes of January 17, 2013. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Nicolosi advised the board that the Borough Attorney is presently reviewing the disclaimers prepared by Drs. Lazarus and Feit regarding the Tenafly Mayors Wellness Campaign website. A final edition from the attorney will be forwarded to all board members prior to putting this disclaimer on the website landing page of the Tenafly Mayors Wellness Campaign.

The board had several questions from the reports given during Ms. Rogalski's absence at the last meeting. The answers were outlined in an email forwarded to all board members on January 24, 2013. Questions were:

1. Why Foova Sushi posted conditionally satisfactory for the second time? The violations from the previous inspection were not fully corrected and the food build-up in the kitchen was still present. Ms. Rogalski felt the owners could have done a much better job at correcting the outstanding violations from the inspection before.
2. What kind of wildlife is coming into the area at 63 Leroy Street? At the time, the complainant stated there were ducks swimming in the pool. They had also stated that at night you could hear raccoons roaming in the yard.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Sacajiu announced that she will be moving from Tenafly during the summer. She will be in attendance at the June meeting.

REPORTS

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his report with the board, giving a brief update on seasonal influenza. There was much discussion regarding this topic. Board members would like

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to see the “senior” flu shot given to Tenaflly’s seniors, if available next year. Mr. Yanovich will research and see if he would be able to secure these vaccines.

Mid-Bergen will conduct an emergency operations exercise in the fall, partnering with OEMs in its jurisdiction. The exercise will focus on a scenario involving contaminated water.

LINCS Planning division will be holding a Mass Medication Distribution exercise on March 28. A designated municipal representative is tasked with pickup up enough medicine required for first responders and their families only. This was last done in 2006.

Mid-Bergen is hoping to participate in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health and the New Jersey Medical School in a tobacco costing study, through a Robert Woods Johnson Foundation mini grant. The study will evaluate relative costs to health departments for tobacco prevention, reduction and control. The board discussed this issue at length. It was suggested that Mayor Rustin include a program/information as part of the Tenaflly Mayors Wellness Campaign. They also will encourage him to follow New York Mayor Bloomberg’s anti-cigarette campaign and perhaps encourage business owners who sell cigarettes and tobacco products to have those products under a counter and out of the public’s view. A board member pointed out that some Tenaflly businesses may be selling cigarettes to minors at a reduced price per pack. Mrs. Nicolosi will notify Police Chief Chamberlain should the allegations still be valid.

The board briefly reviewed Ms. Rogalski’s reports of January and February 2013. There were many food establishment inspections during those months. Complaints ranged from rats, dog bites, cockroaches, no heat, garbage and dogs being brought into the Stop and Shop. That matter was addressed with the store manager. No dogs are allowed unless they are service dogs. Ms. Rogalski contacted all the mobile vendors in Tenaflly and scheduled an inspection date with them. Mobile vendors have been notified to renew their Food Handler’s Certificates. Inspections are scheduled for the end of March and into early May.

The Tenaflly Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Street Festival on Saturday, May 4th, and Sunday, May 5th. Food vendors have been notified of the licensing procedures. Ms. Rogalski has been provided with a short list of vendors scheduled thus far to participate in the Street Festival.

A motion was made by Mr. Bader and seconded by Dr. Sacajiu to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie B. Nicolosi
Board of Health Secretary