

Town of Dover
Board of Health, October 17, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Dover Board of Health was held in Town Hall, 37 N. Sussex Street, Dover.

Board President Marie Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and announced that the meeting complies with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and has been duly advertised and posted.

Donna Cook, Board Secretary, called the roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Donna Cook, Marie Hoffman, Karen Vaughan,
Ramiro Gomez, Constance Sibona-Foster,
Christopher Chapman

ABSENT: Jean Cater

ALSO PRESENT: Donald Costanzo, Health Officer
Cynthia Burbridge, Alderman/Liaison

President Hoffman called for a motion to accept the minutes from the July 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health.

A motion to accept the minutes from the July 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was made by Donna Cook and duly seconded by Marie Hoffman.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the Morris County Office of Health Management to the HO dated 7/7/05; re: TOPOFF 3.
2. Letter from Chilton Memorial Hospital to the HO dated 7/20/05; re: meeting announcement.

3. Anonymous letter of complaint to the Health Department dated 7/29/05; re: housing & overcrowding.
4. Letter from the NJDHSS to the HO dated 8/16/05; re: PHPF notice of approval.
5. Letter from the NJDEP to the HO dated 9/16/05; re: x-ray equipment inspection.

President Hoffman asked if there was any correspondence to discuss.

The HO mentioned the notice of approval for the Public Health Priority Funding Grant. The HO had expressed some concern regarding the drop in the CY 2005 health department budget relative to prior years and the possibility of a red flag at the state level. However, the decreased budget did not affect the Public Health Priority Funding Grant.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Health Officer (HO) distributed the summary of Health Department activities for the past month and discussed with the Board various parts of the report.

Garbage tonnage for July 2005 was 510.14 tons; down from the same month one-year ago by 11.51 tons or 2.2%.

Garbage sticker receipts for July 2005 were \$3,377.00; down from the same month one-year ago by \$351.00 or 9.4%.

Garbage tonnage for August 2005 was 534.37 tons; up from the same month one-year ago by 12.85 tons or 2.5%.

Garbage sticker receipts for August 2005 were \$4,125.00; up from the same month one-year ago by \$250.00 or 6.5%.

Garbage tonnage for September 2005 was 486.59 tons; up from the same month one-year ago by 5.66 tons or 1.2%.

Garbage sticker receipts for September 2005 were \$4,006.00; up from the same month one-year ago by \$441.00 or 12.4%.

The HO commented that although garbage tonnage appears in-line with established trends and seasonality.

The following events/programs were conducted since the July 11th Board of Health meeting:

8/4 Sun Safety & Blood Pressures; Dover Senior Picnic; Waterworks Park

8/... TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.; First Memorial Presbyterian Church, 51 W. Blackwell Street. **Program ended 9/6/05.**

9/17 Rabies Clinic; Crescent Field; 10:00 a.m. – noon .

9/19 Alzheimer's Program "Is it Alzheimers or Normal Forgetfulness?" Dover Senior Housing, 215 E. Blackwell St.; 2:00 p.m.

9/27 Male Cancer Screening Program

10/1 Head Start Health Fair; 11 am – 2 pm; digital child photo ID's.

10/11 Female Cancer Screening Program

The HO summarized the Rabies Vaccination Clinic. 75 dogs and 39 cats were vaccinated for a total of 114 pets. Alderman/Liaison Cynthia Burbridge mentioned the Head Start Health Fair.

At last month's meeting, the Board of Health introduced and passed on first reading an ordinance of the Board of Health deleting Chapter 411 of the revised general code of the Town of Dover entitled "Garbage, Rubbish, Refuse and Litter"

The Health Officer stated to the Board that he spoke with the Town Administrator before the Board of Aldermen passed amendments to Chapter 333, and asked that the definition of a "municipal solid waste container" in Chapter 333 be changed to include the words

"rigid plastic..." and a receptacle "that is completely waterproof..." and is "furnished with a tight-fitting lid."

The Board of Aldermen did, in fact, accommodate the Board of Health and changed the wording of the definition of a "municipal solid waste container" as requested. The HO distributed a copy of the amended town garbage ordinance showing the amended definition of a municipal solid waste container.

Following discussion regarding the deletion of Chapter 411, **a motion to pass an ordinance of the Board of Health of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, deleting Chapter 411 of the revised general code of the Town of Dover entitled "Garbage, Rubbish, Refuse and Litter"** on second reading was made by Marie Hoffman and duly seconded by Donna Cook.

**ROLL CALL VOTE
ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

The HO informed the Board that copies of the wildlife feeding and pet waste amended ordinances were forwarded to the Police Department so that they are aware of the new laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following programs are scheduled in the forthcoming weeks:

10/17 Flu Clinic for Seniors; 5 pm – 7 pm; Town Hall; registration 9/19.

10/17 In-Home Safety; 2 pm; Dover Senior Housing, 215 E. Blackwell St.

10/21 Methamphetamines, Let's Stop It Now; Skylands 8 – 2 pm.

The HO reframed the announcement for the flu shot for senior's program which is of special importance. The program was conducted just prior to the evenings Board of Health meeting.

The HO asked Chris Chapman if he received his flu vaccine. Chris stated that he received all of his vaccine in two shipments.

The HO also mentioned the upcoming Methamphetamine program at the Randolph Skylands this Friday.

The HO distributed copies of the new health department brochure to the Board.

Alderman/Liaison Cynthia Burbridge asked if the brochures would be distributed to residents via tax bills. The HO responded that they were too costly and that the brochures were used at programs and counter displays.

The HO informed Connie Foster that he contacted Saint Clare's Hospital's Smoking Cessation program. He spoke to Carlos Marconi (973-625-6393) and the program coordinator, Leane Guttliber (973-983-5212). Their programs are in-house. Smokers are identified; patient assessments; nicotine replacement therapy; individual counseling; and outpatient visits for 6 weeks. The HO asked about the use of hypnosis techniques. Ms. Guttliber responded that there was no real evidence that hypnosis works.

The HO stated that the Dover Health Department could plan a smoking cessation program sometime in 2006, after our health education agreement is formalized. This led to a general discussion of smoking cessation programs by the Board.

Connie Foster mentioned a smoking cessation program that she was familiar with through New Jersey's Quit Net. The program was conducted at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. Ms. Foster stated that the program was very comprehensive and was run much like a clinic.

Christopher Chapman stated that he has participated in smoking cessation programs conducted at Chilton Memorial Hospital. Mr. Chapman asked the HO where the Dover Health Department would conduct such a program.

This led to a general discussion of suitable sites with concluding comments that a clinical setting such as Dover General Hospital would be a good location.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO WISHED TO DISCUSS A PARTICULAR ISSUE.

Connie Foster referred the Board to a recent article featured in the Daily Record regarding the homeless living under a bridge in Dover. In the article, Joanne Tyler was referenced as providing or delivering food to the site. Ms. Foster asked the HO is this was permissible under her food license or permit.

The HO stated that delivering food was not an issue and that her license to prepare food at Hope House did not specifically prohibit her from this activity. The HO stated that it was very similar to Ms. Tyler preparing food at Head Start and delivering meals to the homeless at JFK Commons Park.

This portion of the meeting concluded following a general discussion of homeless issues within the Town of Dover.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO WISHED TO DISCUSS A PARTICULAR ISSUE.

There were no members of the general public present.

Upon completion of the public portion of the meeting, President Hoffman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **A motion to adjourn the meeting** was made by Donna Cook and seconded by Christopher Chapman.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

MEETING ADJOURNED