

Town of Dover
Board of Health, April 11, 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.

President Marie Hoffman called the roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Constance Sibona-Foster, Marie Hoffman, Donna Cook, Jean Cater, Christopher Chapman, Ramiro Gomez

ABSENT: Karen Vaughan

ALSO PRESENT: Donald Costanzo, Health Officer

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

A motion to accept the minutes from the March 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 Air & Water Solutions, Inc. to the HO dated 3/25/05; re: air quality.
2. Letter from the National Allergy Supply, Inc. to the HO dated 4/1/05; re: asthma products.
3. Letter from the American Heart Association to the HO dated 4/5/05; re: speakers' bureau orientation breakfast.

President Hoffman asked if there was any correspondence to discuss. The HO stated that there was no significant correspondence.

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 March 2005 was 469.51 tons; down from the same month one-year ago by 28.27 tons or 6%.

Garbage sticker receipts for March 2005 were \$3242.50; down from the same month one-year ago by \$5.50 or 0.17%.

Connie Foster asked a question about garbage collection referring to a recent snow storm from this past winter during which garbage collection was suspended. However, the schools and municipal government remained open. Ms. Foster commented that during contract negotiations, in the event of a storm the garbage company should remain operational if the schools and town hall are open for business.

The HO stated that such negotiations are conducted by the administrator and town council.

Jean Cater made a comment about the recycling company. During her last pickup the recyclers spilled material on the ground creating a mess. They did not cleanup the spillage. Ms. Cater stated that she will call the health department the next time it happens.

The HO reported that the dog limiting ordinance was passed into law by the Board of Aldermen on March 22nd. A copy of the newly amended ordinance was distributed to the Board.

The HO stated that Ben Falco, the part-time Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), returned to work at the beginning of April.

The HO reported that a memo was sent to Code Enforcement as directed by the Board of Health at last month's meeting, asking for consideration in requesting additional garbage containment at the Dover Hill/First Street apartments.

Also, the HO explained to Connie Foster the reason Dover was not included in the recycling grant that was referenced in a newspaper article and brought before the Board at last month's meeting. Dover was not included in the grant (which is really a refund) because it pays a lower price up front for service and saves many thousands of dollars above what other towns receive as a refund later on.

The following programs were conducted since the March 14th Board meeting:

- 3/30 Tobacco Prevention Program; North Dover Elementary; 5th graders; 3 sessions.
- 3/31 Germ Busters; Little Bears Day Care Center.
- 3/22 Female Cancer Screening (3 per year).
- 4/7 TOPOFF Exercise (Top Officials Exercise)

The HO summarized TOPOFF, a live full-scale bioterrorism exercise simulating a biological attack that was held at Roxbury High School. The county-wide exercise was overseen by the Morris County Office of Emergency Management with the full participation of local OEMs, law enforcement, hospitals, public health and many volunteers.

There was a general discussion of TOPOFF with Marie Hoffman commenting on the Roxbury High School exercise and Chris Chapman providing the board with a summary of his exercise in Passaic County.

The Town of Dover conducted an all volunteer clean-up of the downtown area over the weekend of April 10th. The HO asked Connie Foster to give an update. Aldermen Dodd and Horan assisted in the cleanup that focused on hot spots that were previously defined on a map put together by Cindy Romaine, Kay Walker and Connie. The volunteers met at Crescent Field parking lot and...

- 70 people participated
- SLAP present
- More than 100 heavy duty garbage bags of rubbish were picked up; truckloads of rubbish as well.
- Perimeter of Crescent Field, Prospect Point, and Blackwell Street east to Silvana's Bar was cleaned up.

Two similar cleanups are planned for 2 Saturdays in the weeks ahead.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following programs are scheduled in the forthcoming weeks:

- 4/18 West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance seasonal commencement
- 4/26 Germ Busters; Little People Day Care Center

Connie Foster commented on the significance of standing water in old tires and the breeding of mosquitoes. Ms. Foster mentioned that the gas station on the corner of Rt. 46 and Mount Hope Ave. had a large accumulation of old tires. The HO stated that he will check it out.

The HO reported that the Town of Dover will receive \$11,481.49 in Clean Communities grant monies for CY 2005.

The HO handed out financial disclosure statements for the Board to complete and return to the Administrator's office.

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

Connie Foster questioned the HO about the disposal of grease and oil generated by restaurants; i.e grease interception, disposal and containment The issue was raised during Saturday's cleanup when used oil was noticed on the ground around the dumpster at Silvana's Bar.

The HO commented that most oil generated by restaurants is recycled. Although grease traps are commonly installed in restaurants to prevent sewer line blockages, they are typically plumbing code issues and not under the purview of health department. However, if they are installed in the restaurant, the health inspector can inspect the grease trap to see that is maintained. Oil that is recycled is usually put in its original container for pickup or the recycling company provides a larger container for fat storage for those restaurants that produce substantial quantities of oil and grease.

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 Connie Foster.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

MEETING ADJOURNED