

Town of Dover
Board of Health, September 10, 2012
7:00 pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Dover Board of Health was held at Water Works Park, 100 Princeton Avenue, Dover.

Board President Marie Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that the meeting complies with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and has been duly advertised and posted.

Secretary Irene Hansen called roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Irene Hansen, Marie Hoffman, Darlene Kasko,
Judith Rugg, Sandra Scarneo, Christopher Chapman

ABSENT: Donna Cook

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Wilpert, Health Officer
Christine Noriega, Alderman/Liaison
Carolyn Blackman, Alderman/Alternate Liaison
William Close, Administrator
Susan Downer, R.E.H.S.
Aracelis Vanderstarre, Deputy Registrar
Zory Ryerson, Sanitation Inspector
Donald Costanzo, Department Representative

A motion to accept the minutes from the May 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was made by Darlene Kasko, and duly seconded by Irene Hansen.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the Dover Park Plaza Condominiums Association to the HO dated 5/1/2012; re: renting rooms.

President Marie Hoffman asked if there was any significant correspondence. The HO responded that there was no significant correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

Copies of the monthly report with recent animal control reports under separate cover were distributed to the board for review.

The following past activities were brought before the board by the Health Officer:

- pet waste receptacles were installed in Dover's public parks. Dispenser boxes were posted on sign poles that warn persons to pick up after their dogs.

Regarding pet waste receptacles in the public parks, Sandra Scarneo commented that there was a noticeable benefit to their installation. Specifically, Ms. Scarneo stated that she noticed a reduction in odors on the hottest days.

- a State audit of the health department was conducted by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services.

An overview of the audit was provided by Frank Wilpert, Health Officer. Mr. Wilpert explained the need for a Memorandum of Understanding between area health care providers such as the Zufall Health Center and the health department for the purpose of referring residents who need maternal and child health related services. The audit provides one (1) year to correct cited conditions.

Board member Christopher Chapman, a Health Officer by profession, also described his experiences with the audit process.

- massage parlor activities were updated by Frank Wilpert, HO, and Susan Downer, REHS.

Mr. Wilpert explained the outcome of a recent municipal court case upholding Dover's ordinance requiring massage parlors to be licensed by the Board of Health.

Ms. Downer summarized her inspection and enforcement activities explaining that she issued summons to several massage parlors for operating without licenses. A few massage parlors have been brought into compliance and are now properly licensed.

- Dover Senior Picnic was held on September 6th. Blood pressures were conducted by request. The hospital's participation was coordinated by Pat Merritt, the public health nurse.

NEW BUSINESS:

The HO advised the board that NJ had its first confirmed death due to West Nile Virus (WNV) recently. An elderly Burlington County man who tested positive for WNV died.

The elderly man developed fever, weakness and respiratory distress on August 20th; was hospitalized on August 26th; and later died.

To date, NJ has confirmed 15 cases of WNV from 12 counties throughout New Jersey.

The number of cases of WNV is a reminder that residents should protect themselves from mosquito activity by using repellents, wearing long sleeves, long-pants and removing standing water on their property that breeds mosquitoes.

The following upcoming activities were brought before the board:

- Sep 19: Male Cancer Screening; registration at the health department.
- Oct 6: Health Fair @ Head Start, 19 Thompson Ave. (10 am - 2 pm); Dover Health Dept. provides lead screening.
- Oct 15: Dover Senior Flu Clinic; Town Hall Courtroom; 4 pm - 6 pm.
- Oct. 24: Female Cancer Screening; register at the health department.
- Nov. 10: Rabies Clinic; 10 am - 12 noon; Crescent Field.
- Nov. 20: Adult Flu Clinic; Family Success Center; 4 pm - 7 pm.

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

Sandra Scarneo stated that she was driving behind a recycling truck recently and noticed some material that was dropped onto the street and not picked up creating a littering condition. This raised a discussion on the subject of recycling collection. In particular, the recycling collection company's requirement to clean up spilled recyclables.

The health department will contact the recycling company requesting that they be more careful about picking up spilled recyclables.

In a related matter, Alderman Christine Noriega mentioned that the garbage hauler needs to be more careful about returning emptied containers to the curb so they do not end up in the middle of the street.

William Close, Administrator, explained garbage collection services in more detail, and provided the board a brief overview of the occasional mishaps that occur during the collection process. The garbage contractor will be contacted and asked to be more careful about properly returning containers to the curb.

Judy Rugg offered her services as a volunteer nurse to help out, if needed, at flu clinics and screenings.

Sandra Scarneo related to the board an incident at Dover Garden Apartments on First Street. Ms. Scarneo stated that stickered bulky items generated from the apartment complex are placed at the curb on the corner of First Street at Byram Avenue. Recently, a bulky item placed at the corner became a mess creating an unsightly condition.

William Close responded explaining that he was familiar with the incident and that it was addressed by Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance.

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

Bruce George, Director of the Dover Public Library, was introduced to the Board. Mr. George presented a copy of an indoor air quality assessment of the library that was conducted by an environmental consultant. Mr. George asked the board for its comments.

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

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

**MEETING ADJOURNED
7:40 pm**