

Town of Dover
Board of Health, June 10, 2019
6:00 pm

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

President Irene Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and announced that the meeting complies with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and has been duly advertised and posted.

Vice President Judith Rugg called roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Darlene Kasko, Judith Rugg, Michael Picciallo,
Ricardo Trinidad, Irene Hansen

ABSENT: Christopher Chapman, Christine Noriega

ALSO PRESENT: Trevor Weigle, Health Officer
Derrick Webb, Asst. Health Officer
Carolyn Blackman, Alderman/Liaison
Ary V. Orama Galloza, Deputy Registrar
Donald Costanzo, Aide

President Irene Hansen entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Health.

A motion to accept the minutes from the April 2019, “regular meeting” of the Board of Health was made by Darlene Kasko and duly seconded by Michael Picciallo.

ALL YEAS; NO NAYS.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the US Department of Veterans Affairs to Trevor Weigle, HO dated 5/30/19; re: veteran’s healthcare delivery update.

The Health Officer (HO) commented that Veterans Affairs apparently will send updated information regarding services and programs sometime in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Copies of the following reports were distributed to the board for review:

- Health Department monthly activity report for April – May 2019.
- Animal Control report for April – May 2019.
- Updated contact list.

DISCUSSION:

Regarding animal control, Irene Hansen suggested that owners of impounded dogs should provide proof of current licensure before their pets are released from impoundment. Ms. Hansen asked that Randolph implement this procedure as a standard operating policy. The HO added that a summons can also be issued if the dog is not licensed. This subject will be raised with Animal Control.

Judith Rugg asked about the topic of picking up after your dog at the Spruce Street Senior Housing Complex, an issue raised at the last board meeting. In particular, the use of signs warning dog owners of fines for not picking up after their pets. Since the use of signs (i.e. location, type, size, number, etc.) is regulated by zoning laws, the installation of a sign must follow zoning procedures.

Trevor Weigle, HO, stated he will talk to the Administrator about this subject. Darlene Kasko mentioned the possibility that the desired location for a sign could be on private property. If it is not a public street or curb location, the HO suggested a letter to the owner of the housing complex asking for the placement of a sign on their fence may be helpful.

Mr. Weigle updated the board regarding the following concerns expressed at the prior meeting:

- The HO provided the Board an update on measles. Some 14 cases in NJ (Ocean County). Two (2) incubation periods have passed since the last case in Ocean County which means the outbreak connected with Ocean County is over (measles handout distributed to the board). Educational posters were posted and information in English and Spanish were put on Facebook and the Town's website.
- The HO reminded the garbage contractor to instruct the men on the trucks to return emptied containers to the curb (4/17).

- The HO created a hand-out listing dog owner responsibilities regarding picking-up after their pets. The flyer is handed out to pet owners when they apply for a license and will be distributed at the upcoming health fair and rabies clinic (sample handout distributed to the board).
- Regarding penalties for violating most dog related ordinances (113-17): \$25 for 1st offense; \$50 for 2nd offense; \$100 for 3rd offense; court appearance required for more than 3rd offense.
- Regarding penalties for a dog running at large (113-37): dealt in accordance with the penalty provisions of related state statutes (NJSA 4:19-15.16); not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense.
- Regarding the Asian Tiger Mosquito and Tick Safety exhibit, the HO extended an invitation to the MC Mosquito Commission to provide a display at the upcoming Health Fair on June 15th.
- Regarding handwashing and the use of protective screens at retail food establishments, an instructional advisory was sent to local food establishment informing them of the rules (sample handout dispensed to the board).
- A presentation on ‘vaping’ was conducted on May 15th. Although the program was extensively promoted, attendance was very poor.
- A form from the NJ Department of Community Affairs for filing complaints regarding barber shops and beauty salons was discussed. The HO briefly explained that such facilities were regulated by the State and described the complaint process.

A general discussion of local restaurants selling and serving food outside their establishments followed the mention of the protective screens and handwashing advisory. In particular, the La Sierra food establishment on E. Blackwell Street near the corner of S. Morris Street is preparing food on the sidewalk, primarily on weekends. Mr. Trinidad added that traffic issues are created when motorists pull over and block traffic to order food.

The HO stated that staff will be present for the health fair on the June 15th weekend and will check out La Sierra for sidewalk food sale activity and the use of tables and chairs on the sidewalk. The matter will be brought to the attention of the Zoning Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

The HO distributed to the board...

- A flyer announcing the upcoming Health Fair on June 15th was distributed to the board.

- Approximately 50 vendors have been signed-up for the event.

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

Darlene Kasko asked what the requirements were for closing times of barber shops and beauty salons. No one knew the requirement. Derrick Webb, Asst. HO, said he will find out.

Also, Mr. Webb will have the Animal Control Officer check the Brook Drive area specifically after 1:00 pm for dogs, particularly pit bulls that have been observed running at large.

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

No members of the general public were present.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Darlene Kasko and seconded by Judith Rugg.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED
6:42 pm**