

**Town of Dover  
Board of Health, June 8, 2009**

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 7:00 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 roll.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Marie Hoffman, Irene Hansen, Sandra Scarneo,  
Constance Sibona-Foster

**ABSENT:** Donna Cook, Christine Noriega, Christopher Chapman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carolyn Blackman, Alderman  
Donald Costanzo, Health Officer

President Marie Hoffman called for a motion to accept the minutes from the May, 2009, regular meeting of the Board of Health.

**A motion to accept the minutes from the May 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health** was made by Connie Foster, and duly seconded by Irene Hansen.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from the Morris County Division of Weights & Measures to the Dover Health Department dated 5/20/09; re: Tanning Facilities.
2. Letter from Carlo DiLizia, President, Morris Regional Public Health Partnership to the Board of Health dated 6/1/09; re: annual meeting invitation.

President Marie Hoffman asked if there was any significant correspondence. The HO referenced the letter from the Morris Regional Public Health Partnership regarding its annual meeting. Board of Health members are welcome to attend.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Copies of the monthly report were distributed to the board for review. The HO highlighted two of the most noteworthy cases.

Animal Control activities tend to increase with the warmer summer months as people are outside and are more likely to encounter animals and dogs particularly. This is evident from the multiple dog related incidents reported and the court summons issued.

International Deli and Grocery, Metro Bagel, Bakery & Deli, and Sugarpots Bakery were issued 'Conditional Satisfactory' ratings. All three food establishments remitted the \$100 reinspection fee.

The HO stated that the Swine Flu, better known as the Novel, H1N1 Influenza A, has dominated health department activities over the past month and seemed to culminate in the confirmed widespread incidence of the virus.

In the Dover public schools, we had six (6) confirmed cases of Novel, Influenza A; four (4) cases in East Dover Elementary School; one (1) case in Academy Street School; and, one (1) case in Dover Middle School.

- In New Jersey, H1N1 Influenza is geographically widespread. Because it is widespread in the community, closing schools is no longer effective.
- Non-acute, relatively mild influenza symptoms; with students recovering at home. The mild nature of the virus suggests it should be treated as we would treat any other influenza.
- Students/staff with ILI are required to remain home for at least 7 days after illness onset, or 24 hours after all symptoms disappear, whichever is longer.
- Schools have been implementing disinfection and cleaning procedures measures control or prevent the spread of infection; daily cleaning of high touch surfaces such as desktops, banisters and door handles.
- Schools have issued advisories regarding good hygiene practices both at home and in school to help reduce the risk of infection.
- Schools are extremely vigilant in monitoring absenteeism in coordination with the local health department to prevent children from returning to school who are sick.

The Dover Health Department continues to monitor schools and our community for ILI, identifying the sick and keeping them home as the most effective way to slow the spread of flu.

The HO reported to the Board that following last month's meeting at which Luis and Gloria Gomez brought to its attention the neighboring property at 174 S. Morris Street, the HO inspected the property. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, the HO inspected the exterior premises and noted no significant accumulation of dog feces and no foul odors. The tenant was notified and requested to clean-up more frequently. This matter was also addressed by Code Enforcement. Recycling newsletters were also left on-site.

At last month's meeting Connie Foster asked if a pooper scooper sign could be installed at Crescent Field. The HO asked the administrator and anticipates a response soon. The HO also reminded the administrator about providing the board with a cost-benefit analysis previously offered. Mr. Close stated that it will be forthcoming.

The HO informed the board that the swimming pool code was fully adopted after final notice of passage was published on May 20, 2009.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The HO distributed a summer advisory to local restaurants regarding protecting open windows and doors from insects by installing proper screens.

The health department conducted its annual cholesterol screening program on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The clinic was lightly attended but went off without any problems.

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

Connie Foster expressed concern that a vendor at the Dover Flea Market was selling mattresses for \$50 at the corner of Bassett Hgwy and Warren Street. Her primary concern was regarding the potential for bedding to be infested with bed bugs, and that reconditioned mattresses are possibly being sold illegally.

Alderman Carolyn Blackman suggested that perhaps we should go to the flea market and check it out to see if the mattresses are properly tagged and to ask questions.

Following a general discussion, Ms. Foster stated she would raise the concern over the mattresses at the forthcoming Board of Aldermen's meeting as well.

As a follow-up to a previous board meeting, Connie Foster asked the HO what the status of the purchase and location of new public receptacles was. Alderman Frank Poolas had asked the Board of Health to indicate on a map where they would like to locate new public receptacles. The HO did not know the status, and was asked to correspond with Alderman Poolas as to the outcome of the purchase and location of public receptacles.

Connie Foster stated that during her downtown clean-up activities in preparation for the recent Firemen's Parade, she went into the New Hong Kong restaurant on E. Blackwell Street. At the time, she observed a filthy customer area and windows that were dirty with sills that had accumulations of dead insects. She requested the HO send the health inspector and that the establishment be inspected more frequently.

Irene Hansen asked the HO to find out what is the status of the cigarette butt ordinance and to provide the board with an update.

Sandra Scarneo asked the HO where the health inspector indicates if vending machines are noted during routine inspections. The HO stated he writes it as a notation of the narrative portion of his worksheet.

**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.

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 Irene Hansen and seconded by Marie Hoffman.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**