

Town of Dover
Board of Health, June 14, 2010

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, Darlene Kasko, Judith Rugg,
Christopher Chapman

ABSENT: Donna Cook, Irene Hansen, Sandra Scarneo, Connie Foster

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Delaney, Alderman
Donald Costanzo, Health Officer

A motion to accept the minutes from the May 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Health was made by Christopher Chapman, and duly seconded by Darlene Kasko.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from US Dept. of Health & Human Services to the HO dated 5/7/10; re: National Health & Nutrition Survey (NHANES).
2. Letter from EnvioTrades , LLC, to the HO dated 5/11/10; re: sanitizing system promotion.
3. Letter from 32BJ Headquarters to the HO dated 5/26/10; re: OPRA request.
4. Letter from Harry L. Schwarz & Co. to the HO dated 5/28/10; re: Laughing Lion restaurant.

President Marie Hoffman asked if there was any significant correspondence. The HO explained the significance of the letter from Schwarz & Co. regarding the Laughing Lion. Specifically, food has been stored in a frozen state at the Laughing Lion since the establishment was closed more than a year ago. The health department is in the process of getting the food discarded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Copies of the monthly report for May 2010 were distributed to the board for review.

The flu season is over. There is no influenza activity reported for this region of New Jersey. Weekly influenza reports will be discontinued and will resume in the fall.

The monthly report is mainly comprised of animal control activities; particularly cat trapping activities and dogs either unlicensed or at large or both. As mentioned previously, animal control activities increase during the outdoor season.

The HO distributed to the board a summary sheet of animal control services that are provided by the Randolph Pound, including assistance with low cost spaying and neutering of cats and dogs.

One particular case that is not in the monthly report was a case of cruelty involving the Animal Control Officer and the Dover Police. On May 20-21st, a severely malnourished and injured pit bull was removed from 64 Second Street. Also, a dead (severely neglected) maltese type dog was removed from a crate in the basement.

The occupants will be charged with cruelty offenses; i.e. “cause of death of an animal” and “failure to provide” are just 2 of the types of complaints to be pursued.

On April 29th we did our first Bone Density Screening program. 22 persons registered for the screening. During the program the machine used to do the screening broke. Saint Clare’s has since repaired the machine and we are making up all commitments to persons who registered but were not able to be tested.

The health department conducted its annual Cholesterol Screening Program on Saturday, June 5th. The program was conducted successfully. Once the test results are received, they will be promptly sent to each participant and their physicians.

Connie Foster raised the subject of homeless at last month’s meeting, expressing an interest in finding out more about available services to the homeless and what agencies and organizations are commissioned to help the homeless population. Coincidentally, the HO encountered a problem with a homeless person spending the night outdoors on the grounds of Trinity Lutheran Church.

The HO explained the outcome of the homeless issue with the board and shared notes that he prepared that would be helpful in the event that a similar situation reappears.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming programs:

Jun 19: Morris County Community Health Fair, Head Start, Dover

Jul 22: Skin Cancer Screening, St. Clare's Community Health Center

Sep 23: Stroke Screening, St. Clare's Community Health Center

Oct 21: Female Cancer Screening Program, St. Clare's Community Health Center

The HO distributed to the board a flyer announcing and promoting the July 22nd Skin Cancer Screening program.

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

Judy Rugg questioned the Health Educator's report regarding a child at a day care center that was referred to DYFS. The HO stated that the health educator provides presentations on hand-washing, general hygiene, dental health, etc. and that he was unable to answer questions about the reference to DYFS mentioned in her report.

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

Bonnie Deyo, Dover resident, was present at the meeting as a member of the public and a friend of Judy Rugg.

Ms. Deyo was complimentary about the board of health and the positive nature in which the meeting was conducted.

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 Darlene Kasko and seconded by Christopher Chapman.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

MEETING ADJOURNED