

Town of Dover
Board of Health, September 14, 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, Christopher Chapman,

ABSENT: Christine Noriega, Donna Cook

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

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

A motion to accept the minutes from the June 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was made by Sandra Scarneo, and duly seconded by Irene Hansen.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Language Directions to the Dover Health Department; re: restaurant food safety programs.
2. Letter from Total Wellness to the HO dated 7/29/09; re: vaccination services.
3. Letter from Jersey Central Power & Light to the HO dated 8/28/09; re: DEP site remediation notification.

4. Letter from the NJDHSS to the HO dated 9/8/09; re: PHPF grant funding approval for 2nd half.

President Marie Hoffman asked if there was any significant correspondence. The HO referenced the letter from the State of NJ regarding the approval of the PHPF Grant for the 2nd half of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Copies of the monthly report for June, July and August were distributed to the board for review.

The HO stated he did contact Alderman Poolas as directed regarding the status of the public receptacle initiative. A copy of Mr. Poolas' response was distributed to the Board.

The HO highlighted summer health activities:

- Animal Control Activities
- Garbage Sticker Sales; July & August very busy months.
- Restaurant Notification for Food Safety Certification by 1/2/2010
- H1N1 Planning

The HO provided an update on H1N1 planning:

- Planning to vaccinate highest risk target groups; will start with school children.
- Difficult to estimate numbers; one dose or two doses
- Funding for nurse vaccinators needed; grant for Dover: \$65,102; per diem nurses at \$40/hr.; security fees; clerical services.
- Anticipate a vaccination team of 4-6 nurses and clinics that run from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm most likely from one centralized school location such as the high school gym or auditorium.

Regarding the planning of clinics, Sandra Scarneo felt it would be difficult to get parents and children back after school for clinics scheduled in the late afternoon and evening. Another challenge will be getting forms back and having them properly completed. She believed clinics would be more successful if they were held during school hours and at each of the schools.

Marie Hoffman agreed and believed it would be better to conduct clinics during the school day and at several school locations as well.

Other Health programs conducted during the summer included:

- Alcohol Prevention for 9-14 yr olds; Water Works Park; 7/20
- Tobacco Education for 9-14 yr olds; Water Works Park; 8/3
- Stranger Safety for 6-8 yr olds; Water Works Park; 8/10
- Blood Pressures; Senior Picnic; 9/3.

Other activities:

- Used mattresses at the flea market; i.e. Connie Foster
- Cigarette butt ordinance; i.e. Irene Hansen

NEW BUSINESS:

This year local health departments have been encouraged to conduct their seasonal flu clinics early so that time and resources can later be focused on H1N1 activities. As a result, the Dover Health Department will be conducting its annual flu clinic for seniors on: Monday, October 5th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the court room.

The Dover Health Department will also be conducting its annual food handler's class on Monday, November 9th.

As H1N1 becomes available to local health departments, October through the end of the year will be dominated by flu clinics.

Aracelis Orama will be out on extended sick leave during October. The HO has asked the Administrator for an interim registrar to fill-in for Aracelis during her absence. The Administrator approved the funding for the temporary position.

The HO informed the Board that the Missionaries of God food establishment that feeds the homeless out of Hope House will see their lease agreement terminated effective early October. A discussion about the possibility of the resumption of feeding the homeless out the back of a car proceeded.

Sandra Scarneo expressed concerns over the issue of garbage and litter that had been a problem when the homeless were fed at JFK Commons Park.

Connie Foster articulated the need to be proactive and suggested the HO discuss the case with the administrator. The HO will talk to the administrator.

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Sandra Scarneo was in Philadelphia recently and noted unusual garbage containers. She saw city public receptacles that were equipped with compactors. The receptacles were the same size as a regular container but they were able to compact the garbage/litter inside the container.

Irene Hansen mentioned a problem with a resident at 62 S. Salem Street at the corner of Wilson. The occupants put out too much garbage and the garbage contractor collects it.

The HO will notify the garbage contractor and discuss the location with Code Enforcement.

**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 Christopher Chapman and seconded by Marie Hoffman.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

MEETING ADJOURNED