

Town of Dover
Board of Health, April 8, 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: Michael Picciallo, Christine Noriega, Irene Hansen
Darlene Kasko, Ricardo Trinidad, Judith Rugg

ABSENT: Christopher Chapman

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 January 2019, reorganization meeting of the Board of Health.

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

ALL YEAS; NO NAYS.

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

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CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from AquaKlear of NJ to the Dover Health Department; no date; re: onsite sewage disposal wastewater treatment system.
2. Letter from the MC Housing Authority to the HO dated 1/28/2019; re: environmental intervention blood lead cases.
3. Letter from Arecon Ltd. To the Dover Health Department dated 1/28/2019; re: OPRA request for 11-13 N. Warren St.

Regarding the 2nd piece of correspondence, Trevor Weigle, HO, explained that he was working with an attorney to determine what lead case information could be released to the MC Housing Authority pursuant to HIPPA privacy regulations.

Regarding the 3rd piece of correspondence, the HO stated that fuel oil (heating oil) had spilled during a delivery at 11-13 N. Warren St. and it was cleaned-up.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

- health department monthly activity report for January – March 2019.
- animal control report for January – March 2019.
- rabies animal cases by county and species.
- latest copy of the influenza surveillance report; week ending March 30th.

DISCUSSION:

At the previous meeting, Michael Picciallo questioned the start time of the garbage contractor as well as questions relating to animal control and animal cruelty. The Health Officer distributed information clarifying questions regarding both garbage collection and animal cruelty.

Regarding rabies animal cases by county, the HO noted that the 3rd largest category was cats, leading to a general discussion of rabies and animals.

The HO noted the latest copy of the influenza surveillance report commenting that even this late in the season, the incidence of the flu remained high.

President Irene Hansen asked the Health Officer about the latest measles health crisis. Mr. Weigle stated that there were no cases in Morris County.

During her review of the ACO Monthly Report, Carolyn Blackman asked what the notation, “welfare check,” meant. This led to a discussion resulting in the most likely explanation that an animal was checked after quarantine to determine its health.

Regarding the ACO report, Judy Rugg questioned the trapping of cats at a tattoo parlor at 19 E. Blackwell St. It was explained that the trapping was based on a complaint of stray cats in the area and not a privately rendered service.

NEW BUSINESS:

The HO distributed to the board...

- an updated Board of Health contact list and schedule of meetings for 2019, with a request to new members for email addresses and cell phone numbers.
- the 2019 Financial Disclosure Statements with instructions to complete the form electronically.

President Irene Hansen took a moment to introduce and welcome to the Board of Health its newest members, Ricardo Trinidad and Christine Noriega.

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

Christine Noriega brought up the subject of garbage and safety. Ms. Noriega stated that the garbage men do not return empty containers to the curb creating a safety hazard. This led to a general discussion. Irene Hansen commented that it is very hard to police, especially on windy days.

Carolyn Blackman requested that the garbage contractor be reminded to instruct the men on the trucks to return empty containers to the curb.

Judith Rugg raised the subject of excessive amounts of dog feces along the curb/fence at the Spruce Street Apartments. It is not from the residents of the complex, but rather from residents walking their dogs along the fence and not picking-up after their dogs. Ms. Rugg asked the Health Officer (HO) what can be done to reduce the problem.

Mr. Weigle stated that the problem can be approached through education, the use of signs, a request to DPW to clean-up a problem, etc. This led to a lengthy discussion.

Carolyn Blackman suggested that an advisory flyer be given to dog owners when they renew their annual dog license. The advisory can remind them of their responsibility to clean-up after their dog, as well as to have their pet on a leash at all times.

Judy Rugg noted that in the board material was a brochure from the MC Division of Mosquito Control showing their display featuring information about biting mosquitoes & ticks with an offer to host the display at public events.

Ms. Rugg suggested that they be contacted and asked to host their display at the upcoming Health Fair on June 15th.

In another matter, Ricardo Trinidad brought up the subject of food safety and the requirements that food handlers use gloves when touching food and hair nets when serving & preparing food. This led to a lengthy discussion on food establishment inspections and code requirements.

**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 Michael Picciallo and seconded by Darlene Kasko.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED
7:00 pm**