

**Town of Dover**  
**Board of Health, January 12, 2004**

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 7:30 pm and announced that the meeting complies with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and has been duly advertised and posted.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Constance Sibona-Foster, Marie Hoffman, Donna Cook, Jean Cater, Christopher Chapman, Karen Vaughan,

**ABSENT:** Dr Carlos Caprioli

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ronald Camacho, Alderman  
Donald Costanzo, Health Officer

**President Hoffman called for a motion to accept the minutes from the December 2003 regular meeting of the Board of Health.**

**A motion to accept the minutes from the December 2003 regular meeting of the Board of Health** was made by Donna Cook and duly seconded by Marie Hoffman.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Exposure Assessment Strategies, Inc. to the HO dated 12/10/03; Re: Environmental Consulting Services.
2. Notice from the FBI to the Dover Health Department dated 1/12/04; Re: Reward Notification for poison ricin discovered at a US Postal facility in Greenville, SC.

President Hoffman asked the HO if there was any correspondence of significance.

The HO stated that the FBI notification offering up to a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person/s responsible for mailing the poison ricin to a U.S. Postal facility was unusual. The notice was passed around to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Health Officer (HO) distributed to the Board the summary of Health Department activities for the year 2003 which included the previous month, and discussed with the Board various parts of the report.

Garbage tonnage for November 2003 was 454.55 tons; up from the same month one-year ago by 2.29 tons or 0.5%.

Garbage sticker receipts for November 2003 were \$2,132.50; down from the same month one-year ago by \$115.50 or 5.1%.

Garbage tonnage for December 2003 was 548.47 tons; up from the same month one-year ago by 62.56 or 13%.

Garbage sticker receipts for December 2003 were \$2,471.00; up from the same month one-year ago by \$748.50 or 43%.

The HO reviewed the annual report to the Board with its members, discussing various parts of the report.

Constance Sibona-Foster responded to data indicating rising garbage tonnage. Ms. Sibona-Foster related instances of residents putting out extra containers of garbage or overfilling 32 gallon receptacles with extra bags. Depositing extra garbage at the curb without stickers is an abuse of the collection system and should not be permitted.

Another example of abuse of the garbage collection system was cited by Ms. Sibona-Foster. A nearby corner property at Penn Avenue and Fourth Street deposits garbage containers on both the Penn Avenue and the Fourth Street side of the property, thereby getting a double collection. Persons that take advantage of the Town's garbage system contribute to the increased tonnage of garbage and the resulting cost to the Town.

Alderman Ron Camacho commented that in the Berry Street portion of his ward there are heavier concentrations of garbage due to stacking and illegal housing. A Stacking and Overcrowding Committee has been formed to review matters such as this.

On another matter, Constance Sibona-Foster asked the HO about 69 Penn Avenue and the contaminated water condition on the property. The HO explained that water testing had shown that a spring-like condition was contaminated with fecal coliform bacteria. Extensive testing of the sewer and water line in the street and the building sewers of nearby homes have been unsuccessful in finding the cause of the pollution.

The current status of 69 Penn Avenue involves an administrative decision regarding the extent of exploration the Town is willing to pursue with regard to the difficult task of excavating private property in an attempt to further investigate the source of contaminated water.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The HO gave a Board of Health orientation manual to new members Constance Sibona Foster and Christopher Chapman with a video companion tape.

The HO asked the Board about obtaining a plaque for former members Carolyn Blackman and Rosa Sanchez.

**A motion was made by Karen Vaughan** authorizing the Health Officer to purchase plaques form Carolyn Blackman and Rosa Sanchez for their service on the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Donna Cook.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS.**

**THE HO PRESENTED TO THE BOARD THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS  
FOR THE 2004 CALENDAR YEAR**

**NURSING SUPERVISION & COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES:**

Saint Clare's Hospital for Nursing Supervision services at no fee and the annual Cholesterol Screening Program at fee of \$25.00 per test.

**A motion to approve the 2004 service agreement for Community Health Services delivered by Saint Clare's Hospital** was made by Karen Vaughan and duly seconded by Donna Cook.

**ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

**HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICES:**

The Morris Regional Public Health Partnership (MRPHP) for Community Health Education Services at an hourly rate of \$35 per hour and at an annual fee of \$9,100.00.

**A motion to approve the 2004 service agreement for Community Health Education Services delivered by the Morris Regional Public Health Partnership** was made by Marie Hoffman and duly seconded by Jean Cater.

**ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

In other new business, the HO reported that the National Alert Level was reduced from High (Orange) to Elevated (Yellow) on January 9<sup>th</sup> indicating that the Nation's threat conditions have significantly diminished since the level was raised on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Karen Vaughan noted recently that incidence of influenza was diminishing. The HO agreed and reported that based on hospital emergency department reports, there is a lessening of influenza-like reports.

Influenza-like reports from hospital emergency departments peaked at 12.73 % prior to Christmas. Incidence for the week ending January 9<sup>th</sup> was 9.78 % measuring a significant decline.

**THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO BOARD MEMBERS WHO WISHED TO DISCUSS A PARTICULAR ISSUE.**

The HO informed Karen Vaughan that he did bring to the attention of the Town Administrator her suggestion about amending the Town's voice mail telephone message to include information advising residents who speak Spanish that there are persons in Town Hall that speak Spanish and who can provide assistance.

Jean Cater stated that she previously mentioned to the Board that she had a community spirited neighbor, Mr. Warren Darnulc, who frequently cleaned-up and maintained the street in his area. Ms. Cater stated that Mr. Darnulc lives at 151 Grant Street, and that she would like to see Mr. Darnulc recognized by the Town.

The HO said that Mr. Darnulc could be recognized by the Board of Health at one of its meetings. The HO will draft a resolution for the Board of Health recognizing Warren Darnulc for his work in keeping the Grant Street neighborhood clean. After the Board passes the resolution, it can be framed and presented to Mr. Darnulc at a meeting of the Board.

On the topic of garbage clean-ups, Constance Sibona-Foster mentioned that the Dover Renaissance had done an extensive clean-up of W. Blackwell Street under the Route 46 overpass about a year ago. They had collected 2 pick-up trucks of garbage, mostly recyclables.

Ms. Sibona-Foster stated that the recycling trucks spill materials on roads creating an unsightly littering condition. The HO said that this problem has come up before and that the recycling company has been talked to about the issue.

Alderman Camacho mentioned that the Town of Dover will use the SLAP program (Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program) to clean-up various spots throughout the Town.

Alderman Camacho informed the Board that he would no longer be the Liaison to the Board of Health as part of a reorganization conducted by the new administration. Mr. Camacho thanked the Board for its community service and the department staff for their work. Mr. Camacho also congratulated Constance Sibona-Foster and Christopher Chapman on their appointments to the Board of Health and he congratulated Jean Cater and Donna Cook on their reappointments.

Upon completion of all general discussion, the meeting was opened to the public. There being no public in attendance, **a motion to adjourn the meeting** was made by Donna Cook and seconded by Christopher Chapman.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**