

**Town of Dover**  
**Board of Health, May 9, 2005**

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.

Donna Cook, Board Secretary, called the roll.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Karen Vaughan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cynthia Burbridge, Alderman/Liaison  
Donald Costanzo, Health Officer

President Hoffman called for a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health.

**A motion to accept the minutes from the April 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health** was made by Donna Cook and duly seconded by Marie Hoffman.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

Benito Falco, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), Dover Health Department, was present at the meeting. The HO introduced the REHS to the members of the Board. The Board welcomed Mr. Falco and extended its appreciation for attending the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from the NJDHSS to the HO dated 4/11/05; re: notice of approval for PHPF grant.

2. Letter from the NJ Pest Management Assoc. to the HO dated 4/15/05; re: municipal regulations.
3. Letter from the NJDHSS to the HO dated 4/25/05; re: municipal well no. 4 site.
4. Letter from James Voelker to the HO dated 4/25/05; re: thank you to Darlene Kasko, Registrar, for services.

President Hoffman asked if there was any correspondence to discuss.

The HO noted the letter of approval for the PHPF grant and the thank you letter from James Voelker regarding Darlene Kasko, Registrar.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Health Officer (HO) distributed the summary of Health Department activities for the past month and discussed with the Board various parts of the report.

Garbage tonnage for April 2005 was 492.93 tons; up from the same month one-year ago by 14.25 tons or 3%.

Garbage sticker receipts for April 2005 were \$4,140.00; up from the same month one-year ago by \$1,076.00 or 35%.

The HO commented that the \$4,140 sticker receipts for April was the largest monthly receipt ever recorded. The health department averages \$2,500 per month in sticker receipts. However, in 2005 the average sticker receipts have increased to \$2,800 per month.

The Board briefly discussed the pros and cons of a cleanup day. Connie Foster originally thought it was a good idea but later changed her mind. Jean Cater commented that she was not supportive of a program that would raise taxes.

The following events/programs were conducted since the April 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting:

- 4/18 West Nile Virus (WNV) surveillance season commenced. Dead crows will not be tested by the NJDHSS.
- 4/26 Germ Busters; Little People Day Care Center

The WNV report prompted a comment by Connie Foster regarding the presence of hawks that feed on pigeons. Ms. Foster stated that in her neighborhood a hawk was seen taking a bird which prompted concerns for pets such as cats that could also be taken by a hawk. Ultimately, the hawks were a good mean of pigeon control.

Marie Hoffman asked the HO if he had received any reports about the outcome of TOPOFF. The HO replied that evaluators submitted their comments citing weaknesses and areas in need of improvement. This type of feed back will be used to modify the POD emergency preparedness plan.

President Hoffman commented that she assumed CDC would be involved with the dispensing of medications and dosages. Marie Hoffman felt that better *pediatric* dosing that were prepared in advance; that was clearly marked; and, that came with clear, easy to read instructions was very important.

The HO asked Connie Foster if a second cleanup was conducted on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Foster replied that approximately 30 volunteers did a cleanup of the Route 15 area (W. McFarlan Street) near Charlotte's Web. The street department was present. Another cleanup is planned possibly for this Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The following programs are scheduled in the forthcoming weeks:

- 5/17 Healthy Heart Program; Imagine & Learn Day Care.
- 5/17 Female Cancer Screening Program (program full).
- 5/24 Germ Busters; Imagine & Learn Day Care.
- \* TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) obesity program for adults; tentative.
- 6/2 Food Handler's Course; Town Hall; 3-5 p.m.
- 6/3 Healthy Heart Program; Dover Child Care.
- 6/3 Dental Hygiene Program; Imagine & Learn Day Care.
- 6/4 Cholesterol Screening Program; Town Hall; 9-11 a.m.
- 6/21 Germ Busters; Dover Child Care.

The Board discussed the TOPS weight loss program. The HO said that it was difficult coming up with a suitable place to do the weekly program.

Alderman Burbridge mentioned the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church. The HO asked if they had a scale but Ms. Burbridge was not sure. Connie Foster suggested the Fire Department room downstairs in Town Hall and commented that the only negative about Town Hall was the lack of parking.

Alderman Burbridge also suggested Morris County Head Start on Thompson Avenue. The HO agreed that Head Start was a good suggestion and he would pass along all comments to the Health Educator.

In another matter, the HO explained that in his monthly report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on May 10<sup>th</sup>, he will be giving an USEPA update on municipal well no. 4. The HO met with Diego Garcia, USEPA Project Manager, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, who provided an update of the project.

The following were key summary points made by the HO:

- September, 1980 Municipal Well No. 4 taken out of service due to groundwater contamination. Tetrachlorethylene (PRC/PERC) was the contaminant.
- PRC/PERC associated with the dry cleaning business.
- 1983 Dover Municipal Well No. 4 placed on the National Priorities List.
- 1986 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study initiated to evaluate the nature and extent of the groundwater contamination.
- 1992: Remedial Investigation completed. Record of Decision (ROD) was to pump and treat to drinking water standards; however, it was felt that pump & treat would not be successful without locating and controlling the contamination source. Another Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study was recommended.
- 1998: investigative activities carried out were unsuccessful in identifying sources of the groundwater contamination.
- 2000, groundwater modeling and extensive sampling determined the source of contamination.
- Joy Cleaners (formerly Ed Doll's Cleaners), 272 Route 46: Potential Responsible Party for groundwater contamination.

#### **WHERE WE STAND NOW:**

- Over the next 2 months or so: "Record of Decision" (ROD) will be completed.
- Probable Decision: demolish the building & remove contaminated soil; possibly chemically treat remaining soil.
- Cost: \$4.5 million remedy (already \$5 million spent investigating the site)

In a matter related to water quality, Connie Foster asked if other members of the Board had experienced water from the tap that contained sand, grit and sediment. Ms. Foster stated that it was a problem that she experiences and that it had damaged her one year old dishwasher.

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

Jean Cater stated that she was pleased to inform the Board that a resident who was previously cited for not picking up after his dog is now complying with the law by using a plastic bag.

Connie Foster asked the HO about the status of the Gulf gas station on the corner of Route 46 and Mt. Hope Avenue. The HO responded that he did visit the gas station and that the owner told him he would have the tires removed. However, the HO was not sure if the tires that are presently there are the same as originally seen or replaced tires.

The HO said he will notify the owner in writing. Ms Foster suggested that used or old tires that are generated should be covered to prevent water from collecting in them to prevent breeding spots for mosquitoes.

Connie Foster stated that on Sunday, the Salvation Army store on the corner of Bassett Hgwy and N. Warren Street had a mattress and bags of cloths deposited at the entranceway creating an unsightly condition. Ms. Foster suggested that the entranceway could be better secured or gated and that better signs be installed warning people not to deposit material on-site when the premises are closed. The HO said he will talk to and write a memo to the Code Enforcement Department regarding the matter.

Connie Foster also asked the HO for a list of Dover's licensed restaurants and inspection information. The HO stated that he will prepare the list for next meeting.

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

There were no members of the general public present.

Upon completion of the public portion of the meeting, President Hoffman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **A motion to adjourn the meeting** was made by Connie Foster and seconded by Christopher Chapman.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**