

Town of Dover
Board of Health, September 13, 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.

President Marie Hoffman called the roll.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Christopher Chapman, Ramiro Gomez

ALSO PRESENT: Donald Costanzo, Health Officer

The Health Officer stated that he had reviewed the minutes from the June 2004 meeting and could not find a portion of the session that showed conflict between Jean Cater and Constance Foster. Therefore, the HO asked for the Board's consideration in addressing the June minutes as originally written.

President Hoffman called for a motion to accept the minutes from the June 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health.

A motion to accept the minutes from the June 2004 regular meeting of the Board of Health was made by Jean Cater and duly seconded by Karen Vaughan.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

President Hoffman called for a motion to accept the minutes from the July 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health.

A motion to accept the minutes from the July 2004 regular meeting of the Board of Health was made by Donna Cook and duly seconded by Marie Hoffman.

Marie Hoffman:	Yes	Constance Foster:	Abstain
Donna Cook:	Yes	Karen Vaughan:	Abstain
Jean Cater:	Yes		

The motion to accept the minutes was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Saint Clare's Community Health Trust to the HO dated 7/5/04; re: living with cancer survey.
2. Letter from the Morris County Parks Commission to the HO dated 7/21/04; re: right to know survey for Hedden County Park.
3. Letter from the University of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ to the County HO dated 7/22/04; re: invitation to seminar.
4. Letter from Industrial Waste Management to the health department dated 8/4/04; re: record search.
5. Letter from the NJDHSS to the HO dated 8/6/04; re: notice of approval, 2nd half 2004 public health priority funding.
6. Letter from GBW Insurance to the HO dated 8/13/04; re: commercial insurance.
7. Letter from GBW Insurance to the HO dated 8/24/04; re: commercial insurance.

President Hoffman asked if there was any correspondence to discuss. The HO replied that the NJDHSS's approval of the health department's grant for the second half of 2004 was important. It was only recently that the state was going to eliminate the grant. The department is very fortunate to have this source of funding.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Health Officer (HO) distributed the monthly report to the Board for review.

Garbage tonnage for July 2004 was 521.65 tons; down from the same month one-year ago by 21.89 tons or 4%.

Garbage sticker receipts for July 2004 were \$3,728.00; down from the same month one-year ago by \$242.00 or 6%.

Garbage tonnage for August 2004 was 521.52 tons; down from the same month one-year ago by 0.90 tons or 1%.

Garbage sticker receipts for August 2004 were \$3,875.00; up from the same month one-year ago by \$207.50 or 6%.

The HO remarked that the only thing out of the ordinary about tonnage is that sticker receipts went up in August although tonnage had actually dropped. Normally tonnage and sticker receipts rise and fall together.

The HO informed the Board that the following programs were conducted over the past 2 months:

- Sun Safety for Kids on 8/2/04; Water Works Park (9-12 yr. olds).
- Senior Picnic on 8/13; Water Works Park; Blood Pressure & Nutrition Education.
- Blood Pressure Screening & Education on 8/24/04 at the Dover Senior Housing, 215 E. Blackwell Street.
- Rabies Clinic for Dogs and Cats on 9/11/04.

The HO stated that the rabies clinic was successful due, in great part, to the clear and sunny weather. 107 cats and dogs were vaccinated which is an average number based on previous clinics.

Upcoming programs include:

- 9/13/04: Male Cancer Screening program (this evening)
- 9/18/04: Nutrition Program; El Primer Paso; for adult caregivers entirely in Spanish.
- 9/21/04: Heart Attack & Stroke Education; Dover Senior Housing; 215 E. Blackwell Street.
- 10/02/04: Head Start Health Fair; child photo ID, Leady Eddy; Child Safety Education & Information.
- 10/04/04: Hearing Education & Screening, Dover Senior Housing, 215 E. Blackwell Street.
- 10/17/04: Stroke Lecture; United Methodist Church.

The HO gave an update on the rodent control problem on Drake Avenue. On July 14th initial treatment was rendered by Merlin Pest Control with a follow-up treatment rendered at the end of July and a final treatment on August 22nd. The problem is effectively under control.

The HO mentioned the abandoned or vacant house on Drake Avenue that is a chronic eyesore and problem. The house is boarded up and a mess. Constance Foster felt that it was a health hazard and something more could be done to improve the property.

Marie Hoffman agreed and felt that something more should be done with the vacant house as well. Following discussion, President Hoffman asked the HO to follow-up with the Code Enforcement Department to make sure that all that can be done in terms of enforcement is being done.

The HO also reported that in August, the health department inserted a flyer on West Nile Virus and Lyme's Disease in the last tax bill mailing. Board members acknowledged having seen the flyer in their tax bills.

In other old business...

At its July 12th regular meeting, the Board of Health introduced and passed on first reading an ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 401 of the Revised General Code of the Town of Dover entitled "Fees" that regulates fees for vital statistics. The ordinance amendment was revised to reflect fees for domestic partnership certificates.

A motion to pass **an ordinance of the Board of Health of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 401 of the Revised General Code of the Town of Dover entitled "Fees"** on second reading was made by Marie Hoffman and duly seconded by Constance Foster.

The ordinance amendment was opened to the general public for comment. There being no comments from the public, the motion was put to a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL AYES; NO NOES

NEW BUSINESS:

Jean Cater asked the HO if the health department conducts skin cancer screening programs. The HO replied that we normally do male & female cancer screening programs. However, we have done skin cancer programs in the past.

Ms. Cater asked if the HO could recall the name of the physician that did the skin cancer screening program. The physician was Anita Cham, a dermatologist out of Randolph Township.

The HO stated that the public health and law enforcement communities had been in a heightened alert state throughout the republican national convention from August 30th through September 2nd.

As part of the emergency preparedness plan, the Dover Health Department began asking for volunteers to staff the mass immunization site in the event of a large scale emergency. Presently, approximately 80 persons have signed-up as volunteers. The HO distributed a volunteer application form to the members of the board for their reference.

On August 24th the Health Department, in cooperation with the Public Works Department, coordinated a SLAP clean-up on West Blackwell Street underneath the Route 46 overpass. Fourteen SLAP workers picked-up 2,394 lbs. of assorted rubbish. The program was very successful.

The HO related to the Board that he recently learned that “Play-Doh”, the famous modeling clay toy used by millions of children throughout the world was invented by accident in Dover in the mid-1950s. The man credited for its discovery was Joe McVicker, a manufacturer of paint products out of Ohio.

According to the literature, play-doh was discovered by accident by mixing wall paper cleaner and water. A fellow by the name of Joe McVicker made the compound for his sister-in-law, a nursery school teacher, who used the modeling clay for her class to make Christmas decorations.

The nursery school teacher happened to be Kathryn Zufall who was teaching nursery school out of the Presbyterian Church in Dover and it was she who first mixed the wall paper cleaner with water to make the modeling clay. Joe McVicker was her brother-in-law and it was Kathryn and Dr. Zufall who came up with the name “Play-Doh.”

Lastly, the HO informed the Board that Gary Cochran, the part-time REHS, left the position for a full-time job in Pequannock Township. The HO is currently seeking another p/t person for the position and in the process of meeting several candidates for the job.

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

Patty Edwards, 84 Princeton Avenue, introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Edwards was accompanied by Sandra Scarneo of 66 First Street.

Ms. Edwards expressed her concern about the issue of selling drug paraphernalia from Krauzer’s and the Mobil Station in Dover. The item of concern was a small glass vial with a rose inside it. Ms. Edwards explained that the vials are purchased and used as a container for illegal drugs.

Ms. Edwards had approached the Police Department before coming to the Board of Health asking for their help in getting merchants not to sell the items. Sandra Scarneo stated that the removal of the items from the front counter and placing them away from view would be an improvement.

The HO offered to approach Krauzer’s and the Mobil Station and ask them to either stop selling the vials voluntarily or to remove them from the front customer counter. Constance Foster suggested that the HO be accompanied by a police officer.

The Board agreed that it would be more effective if the HO was accompanied by a police officer. The HO stated that he would attempt to get a police officer to go with him. Marie Hoffman suggested going with two people even if a police officer was not available.

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Constance Foster asked if the Board of Health's dog limiting ordinance amendment was brought before the Board of Alderman. The HO stated that it was submitted.

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 Marie Hoffman and seconded by Jean Cater.

ALL AYES; NO NAYS

MEETING ADJOURNED