

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008  
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:45 PM by Chair Person, Rachel Nazarian with the following members present:, Mary Ann Frodella, Mary Ann Klenke and Jackie Huelbig. Joan Skillin, SCHD was in attendance. We also invited Andover Township resident, James Cunningham, to attend this meeting. Mr. Cunningham has submitted an application for membership to the Board of Health. We invite Mr. Cunningham to participate with the meeting and ask any questions he might have in order to become as familiar with the workings of the Board as possible.

OPENING STATEMENT: The Chair Person noted compliance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 as being met.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2008 was made by MaryAnn Frodella Maryanne Klenke seconded the motion. All in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

We again acknowledged Mr.Cunningham's presence and welcomed his participation. We gave him a brief overview of some things that are considered the Board's responsibility such as our rabies clinic, food license issuance and this year an inoculation clinic in our building to administer flu vaccine, pneumococcal vaccine and tetanus vaccine. We will assist with this clinic that is offered through the Department of Environmental and Public Health Services, Office of Public Health Nursing.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT:

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| 1. | Long Pond School/ FMB School          | Copies of nurses' reports for May of 2008  |
| 2. | NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services  | Copy of Andover Regional Bd. Of Ed 2007 Right to Know Survey Update  |
| 3. | SCHD                                  | Correspondence re autumn vaccination clinics and health screening schedules (TAKE NOTE - WE WILL BE HOSTING FLU, PNEUMOCOCCAL, TETANUS VACCINE CLINIC ON 10/29 - 4-6 PM) |
| 4. | Barbara Niedzinski/Township Committee | Resignation letter and notification of open position to Township Committee   |
| 5. | State of NJ-DEP                       | Copy of suspected hazardous substance discharge notification Kittatinny Valley State Park  |

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| 6. | Sussex County LINCS Agency                | Several public health advisories:<br>Use of Human Antiviral Drugs<br>in wildlife; Rabies vaccine<br>supply is limited; Restriction on<br>Human Rabies Vaccine; West<br>Nile Virus Surveillance Update              |
| 7. | Lucas & Gaus, Attorney for Mr.<br>McMahon | Letter requesting to be heard for<br>variance relief - Block 139, lot 2<br>(copy of email sent to Fred<br>Semrau, Township Attorney re<br>this case)   |
| 8. | All Food Handler License Holders          | Yearly renewal letters sent to<br>36 township merchants, schools,<br>churches, farm stands, etc.<br>Letter, application and<br>certification for food handler<br>sent to Farmstead - 28th Hole<br>copied as sample |

We reviewed all correspondence. We commented on the extensive list of materials listed in the Andover Regional Board of Education's 2007 Right to Know Survey Update. We will also get in touch with the Public Health Nursing office to find out how much assistance they need at the flu clinic. We are anticipating that we will need to set a table up outside of the main meeting room to check off names as people arrive. We also commented on Barbara Niedzinski's resignation letter and we all wish her good luck in her move from Andover Township. We then briefly discussed, with input from Joan Skillin, the suspected hazardous substance discharge notification from a small gasoline spill at the Kittatinny Valley State Park at the lake there. We all were confident that it was handled correctly and would not lead to any additional problems. We did comment that only electric motors are allowed on that lake. No gasoline motors are allowed. So we are certain that the amount of gas here was extremely limited.

Next we reviewed the information contained in the Sussex County LINCS. Chair Rachel Nazarian gave us a lot of information regarding some changes in the way rabies vaccines are being administered now. Rachel in her position as pharmacist at Newton Memorial Hospital was knowledgeable on this subject. There is a shortage of rabies vaccine and what is stored is extremely expensive. As a result only in instances where a bite is definite and can be substantiated with the vaccine be administered. .

We did comment on the vast amount of paperwork and notices that we were sent through the LINCS agency on the topics of human antiviral drugs in wildlife; rabies vaccine supplies, restrictions on human rabies vaccine and West Nile Virus Surveillance updates.

Next we discussed the request by Joanne Sorentino, Mr. McMahon's attorney, to have the hearing for variance brought forward to an upcoming meeting agenda. We discussed our options on planning for this hearing. We do need to have our vacant member position filled to give us a full board. We also need to find out when the Township Attorney, Mr. Fred Semrau would be available to sit in on the hearing. So we can look to sometime in October after our meeting date which is October 8th. Perhaps we can hold the hearing prior to a Township Committee meeting which would be either October 13th or 27th. Or we could go forward to our meeting in November which is November 12th. The Secretary will be in contact with the attorney to work out which date is acceptable.

At this time, Maryann Klenke made a motion to file Correspondence Received and Sent. MaryAnn Frodella seconded the motion, all in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and interview with James Cunningham re membership opening on Board: We have been interacting with Mr. Cunningham throughout the meeting. He shared with us his experience with receiving rabies inoculations due to exposure to a bat. He definitely could relate to our prior discussions re rabies inoculations. As a resident of the Rolling Hills Condominium complex he also was familiar with an on-going problem that we report on at our meetings which is the solid waste problems at the Rolling Hills dumpster site.

2. Reports from the SCHD: Joan Skillin reported on a complaint received whereby a resident complained that a rat was in their basement. There is still an ongoing investigation but at this time there was no actual visual site of the rat. It seems that there is an adjacent property and the homeowner felt that the rat's appearance was due to the neighbor's unacceptable way of keeping their property. There was a lot of build up of brush and lawn equipment. Also, the other homeowner was doing some improvements on their property and the complainant felt that due to this work the rat was disturbed and went from one property to the other. Joan stated that there was nothing to substantiate this idea but it is an on-going investigation and if anything new comes of it she will be happy to report to the Board. The property owner that had the brush piled up was given a period of time to clean up the property and Joan will be going back to the site to make an inspection to make sure there is no longer a pile up of brush, etc. Both properties do boarder the State of NJ land that is located there. There was a suggestion that perhaps people from out of the immediate area were dumping grass clippings, brush, etc. which in turn made a habitat for rodents. This is something that is being looked into.

Joan also reported on the unsatisfactory quarterly water sample collected from the Cellar Tavern on Stickles Pond Road. At this time, more water samples are being collected to meet the state requirements. The owner has been doing work on the well, sanitizing it in order to collect the required samples. We recall that this has happened at this site in past years. You could say that this is a problematic well. The SCHD will be monitoring the samples closely.

Joan reported that the Sheridan's Lodge renovation is completed and a new inspection will be conducted. They are using a new kitchen and they have abandoned the old one. Andover Krauszers on Rt. 206 has been keeping the dumpster area in decent condition after some complaints on the way the site was being kept. There were also some cat complaints that were taken care of. Joan then proceeded to report on the condition of the dumpster area at Rolling Hills. She had a good amount of photos showing this unacceptable situation. She is following up on this case through the court system.

A general discussion took place regarding what is acceptable and what is actually taking place there. Mr. Cunningham gave his input on this situation which was quite interesting since he is a resident in the complex. As always, we are frustrated by this continuing problem and we look forward to it finally being abated. Joan will be going before the Judge and she will be basing her case on violation of the local ordinance Chapter 82, section 2 allowing the unlawful discarding of litter on private property; section 8 allowing bulky household waste storage not in fully enclosed structure or placed out on days not designated for bulky waste collection. Of course since the complex is home to large numbers of residents it would not be feasible for everyone to come at the same time to place bulky items out for pick up. The solution would be to have an enclosed structure so that if people came at different days during the week to drop off the bulky items it would not look so unsightly if it was all contained in an enclosure for that very purpose. Section 11 would be addressing overflowing dumpsters which are magnets for the feral and stray cat population as well as bears. Section 12 causing the dumpster area to be obstructed. There have been times that the bulky items are piled around the dumpster area causing a person not to be able to even get close to the dumpster.

Also, the area on the perimeter of the dumpster is littered by all the debris that blows around and is carted off by the bear. There is a stream that is near by and that is a concern. We do not want to see that stream become polluted with garbage from an overflowing dumpster. So Joan has her case ready to be presented. She has been informed that the head of the Home Owners Association will not be at court. She will still proceed with her case and hopefully the court will be willing to listen to her and review all of the pictures and reports that she has compiled. She will be reporting back to this Board at our next meeting. We all encouraged Joan to proceed on behalf of the Township.

3. Discussion re date for McMahon variance hearing: This was covered under correspondence.
4. Scheduling 2009 Free Rabies Clinic: We looked at the calendar for January, 2009 and we chose January 9th as the date for our next free rabies clinic. The Secretary will contact Dr. Castimore to make sure he can make it on that date. We will have the dogs vaccinated from 5-7 pm and the cats from 7-8 pm. We will advertise the clinic in the usual manner.

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mary Ann Frodella made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. It was seconded by Maryann Klenke. All in favor.

Rachel Nazarian, Chair

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary



