

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:39 PM by Chair Person, Rachel Nazarian with the following members present:, Mary Ann Frodella, James Cunningham and Jackie Huelbig. Mary Ann Klenke was absent. Adam Boltz, SCHED representative covering Andover Township was also in attendance.

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 20, 2009 was made by James Cunningham. Jackie Huelbig seconded the motion. All in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No representation from the public was present, closed to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT:

- | | | |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | Long Pond School/ FMB School | Copies of nurses' reports for May of 2009 |
| 2. | NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services | Copy of Andover Regional Bd. Of Ed 2008 Right to Know Survey Update - THESE DOCUMENTS ARE QUITE LENGTHY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REVIEW AT THE MEETING |
| 3. | SCHD | Correspondence re autumn vaccination clinics and health screening schedules AND memo re America on the Move AND SCHD meeting on 8/31 re Novel H1N1 Influenza Out-break Response – Rachel attended this meeting on behalf of our Board and brought back some literature which is copied for you along with notice from the state received at the hospital that Rachel was good enough to share with us |
| 4. | Ms. Sorrentino, Attorney for Mr. McMahon; Fred Semrau, Twp. Attorney | Letter and copy of Resolution re denial of variance; Memo from township attorney re variance denial; response email |

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT:
Cont.

5. Hampton Twp. Board of Health
Memo re workshop on “Role & Authority of Local Boards of Health – 10/17/09 – SCCC - 9:00 am to 12 noon- I took the liberty to respond for 2 members from our Board to attend this workshop. That was the quota they recommended.
6. NJ Local Boards of Health
Copy of most recent newsletter

We reviewed all correspondence. We commented on the extensive list of materials listed in the Andover Regional Board of Education's 2008 Right to Know Survey Update. The local clinic for administering of the season flu vaccine will be at the Andover Senior Center in the borough. Last year we had it at our municipal building. There are a total of 17 different clinic dates scattered throughout the county. Rachel attended an August 31st county seminar on behalf of the board and reported to the members about the Novel H1N1 Influenza Out-break Response. She also shared info that is available through her work place, Newton Memorial Hospital on the subject. We were all copied on the flyers available. The H1N1 flu will be affecting young people more seriously which is opposite to the usual worry of the seasonal flu that affects older people more seriously. Discussion took place as to benefit vs. risk on vaccination. In the work place, it is suggested that a plan is in place so that if there are several co-workers out at the same time, the work can continue. It is still a little premature to getting all the info on the vaccine. Will it be 1 dose or 2 and will it be distributed through private doctors or the county agencies. Although the H1Ni is spread airborne, it is still recommended that everyone follow strict hygiene practices with washing of hands many times a day and coughing into sleeves and just keeping away from people not feeling well. If you are sick, stay home. Hopefully at our next meeting we will know exactly how we will be proceeding in the county.

Next we reviewed the resolution re denial of variance application for the Mc Mahon property located at Block 139, lot 1, Dennis Dr. in the township. The resolution was memorialized at the May 20, 2009 meeting. Notice was printed in the NJ Herald on May 31, 2009 and copy of resolution and copy of affidavit of publication were sent to Mr. McMahan and his attorney, Joanne Sorrentino. Township attorney, Fred Semrau contacted the Board office to inquire if we had received and further correspondence or communication from Mr. McMahan or his attorney on this issue and the Board Secretary informed that we hadn't.

We reviewed the memo re workshop on “Role & Authority of Local Boards of Health” which will be held on Oct. 17th at SCCC from 9 am to 12 noon. The Secretary reserved 2 seats. At this time, Chair Rachel Nazarian and Secretary Jackie Huelbig volunteered to represent Andover Township Board of Health. We all commented on the copy of the local Boards of Health newsletter.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reports from the SCHD: We welcomed Adam Boltz as our new representative from the Sussex County Health Department. Adam reported on some issues that have been occurring in our township. We briefly discussed Ray's Inn. The Secretary stated that he had not renewed his food license as yet. He was sent a reminder notice that his existing license expired on August 1st and he needs to renew asap. As of this meeting date of September 16th he hadn't renewed. There are so many other issues from that location that other agencies (Township Committee, Police Department, ABC, etc.) are all looking into the legality of Ray's Inn being allowed to conduct business. Adam and Christine will be stopping in at Ray's in the near future to check up on water tests and other issues that Ray's Inn was not handling properly the last time they were inspected.

Adam reported that the ongoing problem with solid waste at the Rolling Hills Condo development is improving. The SCHD periodically drives by and they are very encouraged. Adam worked in Vernon Twp. Prior to coming to the SCHD and he reported that the large condo properties in Vernon seemed to be able to keep their solid waste issues under control. The one thing that helps is that the trash/recycling drop off areas are all well contained and maintained so that helps in a big way.

MaryAnn Frodella brought up the situation with a feral cat problem at a property on Yates Avenue. Our ACO has taken out many, many cats to date and there are still many left. The site has been visited by not only our ACO but also representatives from the SC Division of Public Health Nursing to determine whether the owner was competent to handle the situation. So far, the cats have been removed and taken to the private cat rescue organization which charges much less than Dr. Castimore. Discussion took place whether we can attempt to get payment from the owner for the cat rescue that is taking place. Perhaps if he is not able to pay, the township can place a lien on the property. Our ACO is working closely on this and the Secretary will check with her. A brief discussion took place regarding introducing cat licensing in the township as a potential way to control cat populations. The Board members felt that would not be a beneficial thing to the township just more paperwork and follow up and of course another charge for township residents.

2. Scheduling 2010 Free Rabies Clinic: We looked at the calendar for January, 2010 and we chose Friday, January 8th 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.

The Secretary informed the members that some discussion has been taking place between the ACO and Administrator regarding possibly looking into making a change in our veterinary and pound service. For the record, the Board of Health members were against such a fishing expedition. You run the risk of alienating Dr. Castimore who has always performed his services for Andover Township on a high level of professionalism and perhaps would cause him to decide against signing a contract for 2010 leaving the township in a precarious situation.

We are mandated by the state to offer the services that Dr. Castimore provides Andover Township. The Secretary assured the members that if anything more is said on this subject she would make sure that the Board of Health's stance on this issue would be presented immediately. At this time it seems to be just talk.

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, James Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. It was seconded by Mary Ann Frodella. All in favor.

Rachel Nazarian, Chair

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary

