

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:36 PM by Chair Person, Rachel Nazarian with the following members present:, James Cunningham, Maryann Klenke and Jackie Huelbig. MaryAnn Frodella was absent. Christine Davey, SC Registered Environmental Health Specialist was unable to attend due to another commitment. Township Committeeman Bob Smith, Liaison to the Board of Health 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 19, 2010 was made by Maryann Klenke. James Cunningham seconded the motion. All in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT:

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| 1. | Long Pond School/ FMB School | Copies of nurses' reports for May of 2009 |
| 2. | NJ Dept. of Health & Senior | Copy of Andover Township Right To Know Survey Update |
| 3. | SCHD | Correspondence re autumn vaccination clinics and health screening schedules and Emergency Preparedness |
| 4. | SCHD | Copies of letters re inspection Reports – Lentini's Farm Market; Camp St. Benedict's Pool; Pezzo Pizza; X-Ray's Inn |
| 5. | SCHD | Report re Rabid Fox in Vernon |
| 6. | NJLINCS – Public Health Update | Notice re Rabies Post-Exposure ACO Certification Courses |
| 7. | Township Land Use Board and Township Engineer | Memo and info re Andover Regional Board of Ed – Wastewater Treatment Plant |
| 8. | SC YMCA/SCHD | Notice re Community Walking Challenge Kickoff Event |

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| 9. | Sent to All Township Businesses Required to Hold Food Licenses (Willowglen's file as Example) | Letter for renewal along with application for premise and Certified food manager where applicable |
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We reviewed all correspondence. Liaison Smith questioned how the school nurse report could reach such high total of students being seen in the nurses' office each month? For the month of May, 2010 in Long Pond School the number was 739 and in Florence M. Burd the number was 497. The explanations included the nurses see each student more than once while performing screenings as well as illness checks, etc. The Board was copied on the 2009 Right to Know Survey Update for the 2 buildings in the municipal complex. No additions to the list of products containing hazardous ingredients which were reported in the 2008 Right to Know Survey were reported.

We reviewed the Flu Vaccine, Pneumococcal Vaccine, Tetanus Vaccine Seasonal Flu Clinic Schedule hosted by the County Department of Environmental and Public Health Services, Office of Public Health Nursing. Chair Nazarian commented that the clinics have begun quite early in the season with the first one taking place on September 9th. Chair Nazarian stated that as a pharmacist with Newton Memorial Hospital she informed the members that the hospital will not begin administering their clinics until October. It was also mentioned that the new Walgreens on Rt. 206 in Newton has been offering the immunizations even earlier. We reviewed the extensive offering of health screenings for Fall 2010 offered through the county. The screenings included skin cancer, women's and men's health, Chem 18/blood screening each one offered twice at different locations throughout the county. We all commented that the Sussex County Department of Environmental and Public Health Services is doing a commendable job in offering these services and immunizations. Liaison Smith added that he took advantage of one of the screenings and found it to be thorough and very professional. He has been recommending people to take advantage of these screenings.

We commented on the notice re September being Emergency Preparedness Month. A course is being offered at no charge by the county that will teach you how to create your emergency preparedness kit, make a family communications plan, and learn how to become better informed during an emergency or natural disaster. Next we reviewed the reports on inspections by the county at Lentini's Farm Market that done prior to their grand opening this past summer. At this time they are approved for sale of farm grown produce only. Lentini's has intentions to expand their market to include meats, cheeses, ice cream, etc. at a later date. This expansion will include additional inspections by the county before they will be given approval to open this new section of the market.

We also commented on Pezzo Pizza, the new pizza restaurant in the process of getting approvals on all levels for 277 Newton-Sparta Road. Also, X-Ray's formerly known as Ray's Inn, is in the process of getting approvals to reopen under this new name and management. The secretary mentioned that she issued their food handler's license today and he has now met all requirements put forward by the Health Department. Most likely the business will be reopened in the near future.

Next we discussed the notification re the rabid fox in Vernon. Two Vernon residents had an encounter with the fox during daylight hours which is highly unusual for the nocturnal animal. It appeared to be sick and was not afraid of human contact. The Vernon Township ACO pursued and captured the fox and sent the specimen to the state lab for testing and it was positive for rabies. We were concerned to learn this since this is a rare occurrence in this area. Reports of rabid animals have steadily declined in the last decade. It's just a reminder to be careful when encountering wildlife when walking, hiking, etc. Chair Nazarian commented that as pharmacist at Newton Memorial Hospital she is aware that the cost of the vaccine to be administered in case of rabies exposure to humans is very expensive.

We reviewed the information contained in our packet regarding the Long Pond School Wastewater Treatment Plant Modification. Liaison Smith explained that this system is running under capacity, especially during the summer months when the school is closed. At this time one of the questions is how to make this situation into an asset instead of a liability since the Board of Ed has had to arrange and pay for additional sludge to be transported in and used in the plant to make it operate correctly. The Andover Township Committee is looking for an open dialogue with the school to see how joining together to solve this problem might result in a better and less expensive plan that the tax payers of Andover Township will be paying for.

The secretary informed the members that the renewals for the 2010-2011 food handler licenses have been mailed to all current license holders and we still need to get a few back. Discussion followed regarding the bagel shops in town and we all have experienced the counter workers handling the bagels and money without proper sanitizing of their hands taking place. Several times both shops have been noticed for this policy and they do seem to do better for a while but then eventually they become lax again. We can ask Christine Davey when she comes to our next meeting on how we can bring about a better sanitary situation with the bagel shops. Also the secretary made note that A & B Bagel is one of the food establishments who have not renewed their license in a timely manner. A & B Bagel, Newton-Sparta Country Deli, Domino's Pizza, Casa Bellissima and Sheridan's Lodge will all been sent second notices.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reports from SCHED: Christine Davey, SC Registered Environmental Health Specialist assigned to Andover Township will not be in attendance at this meeting. She is also assigned to Newton and their meeting falls on the same date. Since Newton only meets quarterly, Christine will attend their meeting. She will be at our October meeting and requests that we review the most recent activity packet for Andover Township and if we have any questions or concerns she will address them at the October meeting. The August inspection log has been copied and is included in this meeting packet.

We had discussion regarding the monthly inspection reports copied for the township Board of Health. Liaison Smith asked if every business in the township that handles food or beverage gets inspected by the Sussex County Health Department. The secretary gave a brief description of what the SCHD will cover in inspecting food handlers, including quarterly water testing, temperature of cooling units, storage of perishable items, etc. Next month Christine can give a far more detailed description of the inspection process.

We also commented on the fact that we have not had any problems to report on regarding the improper solid waste handling at the Rolling Hills Condos. Member James Cunningham was happy to report that as a resident of the Condos he knows firsthand that the situation has improved greatly since a new management company is taking care of the complex and has gone as far as firing the old personnel and hiring new, very responsible workers. So at this time the solid waste and recycling center at the complex is looking and working extremely well.

At this time Liaison Smith shared with the members' information he learned at the Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The growing issue of recycling was discussed and the SCHD is looking to have a stronger enforcement program. The question came up on who would be doing the actual enforcement and the answer was the individual municipalities which is not good news since we have limited personnel. The county will be issuing warnings and then subsequently issuing summonses. The summonses would actually go to the towns and then the towns would be responsible for enforcing the summonses. So in essence the townships will be responsible for executing the county's decisions. We have a Recycling Coordinator, Robyn Hattersley, but there is a question on the exact requirement for a certified coordinator and how each town's person gets certified in order to handle this enforcement activity. There are courses offered through Rutgers but depending upon the person taking the course and their position in the municipality will determine whether it is a short course offered locally or a year long course offered at Rutgers which is very cost prohibitive. The state is at least giving until the end of 2011 to determine how each municipality handles this requirement.

Liaison Smith also reported that out of the entire county, Andover Township comes in 6th place with the total amount of recycling tonnage reported which is 41%. This is very encouraging. The state goal is 50% and the state is only at 37%. Out of the 21 counties in the state Sussex County is near the bottom at 17th place which is very discouraging. So Andover Township is doing our part but other municipalities need to get on board because funding is affected by your tonnage totals. Liaison Smith said there seems to be apathy on the part of the municipalities even as far as the lack of attendance by each municipality at the Solid Waste meetings on the county level. We know that we are a responsible community and will continue to work toward getting our totals up. We need to get our businesses to do a better job with recycling because that is our weak spot.

At this time the secretary informed the members that the Andover Township Police Department has requested that a message be put on our township sign at the municipal building advertising that unwanted/out of date medicine can be brought to the Andover Township Police Department for proper disposal.

Chair Nazarian shared information she has learned at a seminar through the Newton Memorial Hospital Pharmacy that recently it has been noted that kids, as young as 9 and 10 year olds, have been getting their drugs from the house medicine cabinets instead of on the streets. There have been more and more instances of kids experimenting with prescription drugs taken from their homes. There are reports that kids will have a party where everyone dumps the pills they have gotten from home into a large bowl and then everyone takes whatever seems interesting to them. Foolishly these kids will actually think that since the pills have been prescribed by a Doctor that makes them safe! Unfortunately this is another instance where more cases of children and teens either becoming seriously ill or losing their lives will have to be reported on before the general public becomes aware of this problem.

Chair Nazarian was extremely appreciative that the local police departments are becoming pro-active in this way. She also warned that unfortunately, people trust their baby sitters to come into their homes to take care of their children and then when the baby sitter is left alone in the house they go through the family medicine cabinet and take some pills. So everyone needs to become aware and not keep medicine around that is not being used.

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, James Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. It was seconded by Maryann Klenke. All in favor.

Rachel Nazarian, Chair

Jackie Huelbig, Secretary

