

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
May 4, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Schatzle called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. He read the following statement: "As Chairman and Presiding Officer of this meeting of the Board of Health, I hereby declare that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied by prominently posting on the Township bulletin board a notice of this meeting, and that there has been transmitted by regular mail a notice to the Asbury Park Press and that a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting."

ROLL CALL INDICATED:

PRESENT: Mesdames Boak, Flood, Iacono and Sauter and Messrs Delledonne, Faistl and Schatzle

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs Forester, McBride and Mesdame Leininger

Liz Iacono made a motion to approve the March 2, 2004 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Donna Flood and unanimously carried.

Old Business was discussed – the geese. Bill McBride stated that over the past ten years the Board of Health has been doing extensive studies for various ways to control the public health problem that the geese are creating. Last year the township entered into a cooperative services agreement with the U.S.D.A. The town is entering into the same agreement this year, eggs will be addled and geese will be culled.

At this time Chairman Schatzle opened the public hearing for comments on the geese program. Mr. McBride told the Board that this year Mr. Ditmar has agreed to allow the U.S.D.A. onto his property to addle eggs only. This will help greatly because his property abuts Bucks Mill Park. Mr. McBride stated that West Long Branch was also interested in this program and had asked him to speak with them, they are now moving forward with this program. There were no comments from the public. Chairman Schatzle closed the public hearing.

Deer control was discussed. Mr. McBride explained the county is very concerned with the overpopulation of deer and the problems that are being created in the county parks. The deer are eating all the trees and ground cover creating an erosion problem on slopes. The county has researched the various means of deer control, but feel the hunts are the best alternative. Colts Neck is in the process of amending areas where hunting is permitted with the Police Chief and Township Committee. The Board feels that it is their responsibility to protect the public health of the Township and with the number of traffic accidents caused by deer and lyme disease on the rise this is something that definitely needs to be addressed.

New Business was discussed. Bill McBride stated that Dr. Faistl in the past has been generous enough to donate the vaccine and staff each year for the flu shots. A meeting will be arranged to coordinate this.

BioTerrorism. Mr. McBride told the Board he recently took a course on risk communication. It was stressed that a credible spokesperson representing the Board of Health should be designated. This is very important to minimize panic in an emergency situation. It was recommended Dr. Faistl be the spokesperson.

Virtua Health Foundation is again holding the Beacon Hill Classic Fund Raiser. This event was handled very well last year and is the type of event Colts Neck is happy to have. A motion was made by Dr. Faistl to waive the retail food license fee and seconded by Frank Delledonne and unanimously carried.

Health Officer Report. A memorandum was received from Barry Johnson, Director of the Monmouth County Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (A.E.R.E.F.). This memo encourages local Boards to adopt a resolution encouraging State officials to use the most up-to-date prevalence data in the A.E.R.E.F. funding formula. The State is currently using data that is 27 years old. By using current data Monmouth County would receive approximately \$56,000 more in State funds each year. A motion was made by Dr. Faistl to adopt this resolution seconded by Marilyn Boak and unanimously carried.

Mr. McBride reported that the Division of Air Quality gave a permit to Earle Naval Weapons Station for munitions or brush.

Liaison Report. Mr. Forester reported that things were mostly quiet except for Earle. The town has hired a law firm to represent us and have met already with Chris Smith. The town feels very strongly that this is a security issue, not to mention the huge impact it would have on the Township. The Township Committee is very proactive on this situation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Faistl at 8:40 p.m. and seconded by Liz Iacono.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Leininger