

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
October 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Annemarie Delle Donne called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the following statement: “As 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:** Dr. Boak, Annemarie Delle Donne, Liz Iacono, Pam Sokoler, Marilyn Boak and Patrick Gillmore  
**ABSENT:** Cyndy Flood, Donna Flood, Dr. Faistl and Jim Schatzle  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Tom Frank and Ruth Leininger

Marilyn Boak made a motion to approve the May 7, 2013 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Pam Sokoler and unanimously carried. Dr. Boak made a motion to approve the July 11, 2013 and September 7, 2013 Health Officer’s Reports and this was seconded by Liz Iacono and unanimously carried. Dr. Boak thanked Mr. Frank for the Health Officer’s reports and stated they are very valuable and worthwhile to the members.

Old Business – There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business – There was no New Business to discuss.

Discussion – Recent Animal Rabies Cases. Mr. Frank explained the State is very concerned about the increase in rabies cases. Recently there was a miniature donkey confirmed with rabies in Monmouth County. Twelve people who had close contact with the animal had to receive post exposure prophylaxis. Mr. Frank explained he is concerned with people feeding feral cats because if they get bit (or even scratched) they usually cannot identify or catch the cat for rabies testing. If the animal cannot be tested then the exposed individual must go through the series of shots.

Several Board members noted they have seen foxes running through town. Mr. Frank said he has received a few calls from residents but they all stated the animals appeared healthy and not aggressive or overly friendly. Mr. Frank stated that our Animal Control Service can only get involved if the animal appears sick or is potentially creating a public safety situation (unusual behavior). Residents can also contact the New Jersey Division of Wildlife for assistance. Lastly, information regarding fox sightings and what to be aware of is now posted on our website.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Options 2013 – 2014. There are more options in the way the flu vaccine is available this year, the Tri and Quadrivalent; highdose for seniors, flu mist and even one that is produced without the use of eggs. At the flu clinics for our seniors we will be using the Trivalent formula. Mr. Frank did not want to use the newer versions until more data regarding potential patient side effects, effectiveness, etc. have been verified by research.

Health Officers Report – Mr. Frank said he will be running a Flu Clinic at the Senior Citizen’s meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 which will be held at the Colts Neck Inn Restaurant. A Flu Clinic for all other Colts Neck seniors over 62 will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Court House. This has been advertised in the Colts Neck Journal, Colts Neck Calendar and on the website.

There was a mumps outbreak in Belmar at a popular bar in August. This caused concern because it was at a popular bar on the beach and it was right before students returned to college with the potential of spreading the disease within those schools. The county took the lead and the bar closed down to thoroughly clean the site and offered vaccine to those patrons and staff meeting certain criteria. The Board felt this was a lesson to all, showing the importance of having all required immunizations. Mr. Frank stated he recently put information on the website regarding the importance of vaccinations against disease.

Mr. Frank reported that two recent events, the Rockfest and the Art and Craft Festival, were held at Bucks Mill Park in September. All food vendors were inspected at both events using an updated Temporary Food Inspection form that prioritizes food safety considerations and worked very well. Both events had vendors with minor issues that were corrected immediately.

Mr. Frank briefly discussed a positive water test that came back for Town Hall from our water testing lab. Protocol was followed and five additional samples were taken that all came back negative. During the process the plumbing in the basement was evaluated and was decided to perform some upgrades to the system. A licensed plumbing contractor was brought in and the work was completed under the supervision of the Health Officer.

Liaison Report – Mr. Schatzle was not in attendance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Liz Iacono at 8:30 p.m. and seconded by Marilyn Boak and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is November 5, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Leininger