

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
January 6, 2015 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, Dr. Engel, Jeff Reisinger and Pam Sokoler
ABSENT: Donna Flood, Liz Iacono, Marilyn Boak and Patrick Gillmore
ALSO PRESENT: Tom Frank, Jim Schatzle and Ruth Leininger

Mayor Schatzle told the Board that Cyndy Flood and Dr. Faistl have both resigned from the Board of Health and he was pleased to announce that he appointed Dr. Mark Engel and Jeff Reisinger, both who he has known for several years and feels they will make a great addition to the Board of Health. Dr. Boak made a motion to nominate Annemarie Delle Donne as Chairman, Pam Sokoler as Vice Chairman, Ruth Leininger as Secretary. With no other nominations the slate was seconded by Dr. Engel and unanimously carried. Dr. Boak made a motion to approve the 2015 meeting dates and this was seconded by Pam Sokoler and unanimously carried. Dr. Boak made a motion to approve the October 7, 2014 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Pam Sokoler and unanimously carried.

Old Business – Mr. Frank reminded the Board that they previously asked him to create a preventative maintenance schedule relating to health issues for town owned public buildings. Mr. Frank shared with the Board a 2015 schedule as well as a five year plan and stated that receiving funding is the key issue. The Board was happy with the schedule and asked Mr. Frank to forward to the Township Committee for their consideration. Mayor Schatzle was very pleased to have this in time for the 2015 Budget Review as he feels this is a very necessary procedure to follow.

New Business – There was no new business to discuss.

Discussion - Mr. Frank wanted to discuss with the Board an application that will be coming in front of them shortly to give them some history. In 2004 the applicant, Colts Neck Building Associates, LLC, received Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan Approval to construct a 48 unit Townhouse development. This approval satisfied the Township’s obligation in the Settlement Agreement of Litigation, Westminster Realty Corp. vs. Township of Colts Neck dated December 2, 2003. As part of that approval the applicant has already installed three detention/water quality basins and associated outfall structures, retaining walls and some landscaping. No other site improvements were installed.

The applicant now proposes to advance the project but is barred due to the Flood Hazard Regulations and the 300’ riparian buffer. This new application has been submitted in response to these new regulations.

This is an application for Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan approval where the applicant is proposing to construct 48 courtyard units. The 48 courtyard units will consist of four courtyards with three buildings per courtyard and four units in each building with each unit having their own well plus a well for the treatment plant making a total of 49 wells. In 2004 this Board approved the 49 wells with some stipulations; however the project is now more condensed making the wells closer together. The Board was very concerned for our existing residents neighboring this project as well as the new residence who would purchase these homes. The Board felt the prior approval was for a different scale of useable land and the applicant should provide a detailed hydrogeology study to demonstrate the property can support 49 individual wells. This report should be conducted by an objective, qualified hydrogeological professional to assess if the aquifer can adequately support the addition of 49 wells in the project area. The report should also include any short or long term impact on the proposed and/or existing wells as well as conclusions and recommendations.

Health Officer's Report – The two flu clinics for the senior citizens were held in October, one at the Senior Citizen's meeting and the other for all other Colts Neck seniors held at the Court House. A total of 154 were vaccinated and the paperwork will be submitted to Medicare.

Mr. Frank stated the CDC has classified this year's seasonal flu as an epidemic. The vaccine is not as effective as hoped and fifteen children have died from it so far in the United States. The vaccine can still be effective enough to lessen symptoms and if anyone has not yet received their shot they should still get it. The Brandywine Assisted Living facility in town has had a flu outbreak with fifteen positive cases. Mr. Frank has been working well with the staff and they are taking all recommended precautions.

Mr. Frank said as of December 29, 2014 a total of 88 air travelers arriving from out of the three West African countries heavily impacted by Ebola were required to be monitored in New Jersey with six in Monmouth County. It is still something we will continue to monitor.

The Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 17th at Fire House #2 on Conover Road from 9:00 am. to 10:30 a.m. This has been advertised in the local newspapers as well as flyers put up around town.

The Bagel Store has reopened in The Orchard's Shopping Center with new owners. Prior to opening the new owners made numerous structural improvements and upgrades to equipment.

All retail food establishments have been inspected for 2014. All received a Satisfactory rating except for the Colts Neck Inn and Dee Dee's which received Conditionally Satisfactory ratings.

All required annual school immunization audits have been completed for 2014.

Radon testing was completed for Town Hall and the results were well below the acceptable level. Other Township building's will be done however they have to be tested when no one is accessing the building for 72 hours.

Mr. Frank stated his goal for 2015 was to review and update some of the public health ordinances as well as reviewing fees, making sure they are comparable to other townships.

Liaison Report – Mayor Schatzle told the Board he was looking forward to a new year. Right now the budget is the main focus.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Boak at 9:00 p.m. and seconded by Pam Sokoler and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is February 3, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Leininger