

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
September 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Faistl 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: Mesdames Boak, Delle Donne, Flood, Iacono and Sokoler and Messrs Boak, Faistl

ABSENT: Mesdames Donna Flood and Pam Sokoler and Messr Gillmore

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs Frank and Schatzle and Mesdame Leininger

Dr. Boak made a motion approve the May 1, 2012 meeting minutes and the July 9, 2012 Health Officer's Report and this was seconded by Liz Iacono and unanimously carried.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – There was no new business to discuss.

Discussion – Mr. Frank told the Board he has received several calls from an attorney representing a client who would like to put an ice cream store in the Colts Neck Shopping Center. Mr. Frank expressed concerns due to the nature of ice cream (high in milk fats) and the profound negative impact it can have on a septic system. In addition, a septic disposal system malfunction was discovered by the NJDEP in April 2011 at this shopping center. At that time liquid sewerage was observed surfacing from one of the disposal beds. The NJDEP also discovered that some components of the existing septic system had been modified without DEP approval as required by their permit. The attorney told Mr. Frank that his engineer has contacted the NJDEP who stated that they may entertain such a facility if they added an additional trap to their existing system. The attorney is also requesting that a Statement of Consent form be signed off by the Township Governing Body. At this time no technical information regarding this proposal has been submitted to either the Health Department or Township Planner. The Board agreed that a technical review is important in order to make an informed decision regarding such a facility. Mr. Frank will keep the Board informed of any further developments.

There have been 1,590 cases of West Nile Virus reported in the United States so far this year, which is the highest number since it was first detected in 1999. Over 70% of the cases have been reported from six states, Texas, South Dakota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Michigan. Monmouth County had its first confirmed human case last month. Investigators believe the Monmouth County resident acquired the disease while attending an event in Ocean County where the individual received numerous mosquito bites. To our knowledge the individual has recovered and is now doing fine. Currently, there are eight additional confirmed cases in New Jersey spanning over seven counties. Mr. Frank said he is updating the website with precautions that can be taken by residents.

Health Officers Report – The Senior Flu clinic’s have now been scheduled. We always have a separate one for the Senior’s Club prior to their meeting which will be held October 3, 2012 at the Primary School. All other senior citizens who are township residents can attend the clinic on October 10, 2012 at the Court House between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. The latter is being advertised in both the Colts Neck Calendar and Colts Neck Journal.

The Colts Neck Health Department sponsored a Rutgers Public Health Intern in August. The intern shadowed the Health Officer for a week. Colts Neck is unique having only septic and wells so this gives a different perspective to students.

Mr. Frank updated the Board on a \$2,500 grant that he is working on. He is working on a way to more efficiently track and document all incoming complaints, incidents and inquiries. It came to light that the State Health Department has a program that we may be able to utilize. He is also working on a way to issue dog licenses at the rabies clinic.

Mr. Frank advised the Board there are several feral/stray cat colonies in town. He is keeping a close watch on these because of the potential for rabies. There has been a case of a rabid bat and cat in Manalapan and one bat and four raccoons in Middletown. Colts Neck has not had any positive lab results to date but this is something we should be concerned and be aware.

A booklet was distributed “Community Health Improvement Plan 2012 – 2016”. The Health Improvement Coalition of Monmouth County, which Mr. Frank is a member, conducted a countywide needs assessments and identified three areas of focus: risk factors for heart disease, obesity/overweight issues for children and families, and access to comprehensive healthcare. A subcommittee has been formed for each area of focus which has a five year time frame to first develop goals and objectives followed by developing programs and services that will meet these goals and objectives. Mr. Frank said he is on the committee for heart disease and welcomes anyone from the Board of Health to join any of the committees.

Liaison Report – Mr. Schatzle stated they have hired two new laborers for the Public Works Department and the Police Department is up to 20 officers again. The town is going in a positive direction.

Mr. Schatzle said they will start dredging the pond in front of Town Hall in the beginning of October. This is something we have been trying to get done for many years, we are very pleased it is finally happening.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Iacono at 8:35 p.m. and seconded by Cindy Flood and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is October 2, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Leininger