

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, and Thom led the salute to the flag.

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, NJSA 10:4-1 ET. SEQ. ANNUAL NOTICE HAVING BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW JERSEY HERALD AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD MAINTAINED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICES.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mariano Gianni, Rob Bond, Jim Vanderhoof, Thomas Forbes, Melinda Conti and Joel Servoss. Estelle Klein was present.

**ABSENT:** Kathleen Jacobellis

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting, seconded by Thom. All in favor.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:** Estelle wanted to discuss the 225 sq. ft. Septic Evaluation Policy. She said many years ago the Board passed an ordinance which limited the size of a room, an addition that someone could put on a building without having their septic checked out. Number one, I think that should be changed to eliminate people that have sewers, it doesn't apply to them any more. Number two, I believe we made a mistake, it does not matter what size the addition is if it is not a bedroom. After a brief discussion, Phil said the only concern here is encroachment and the number of bedrooms, if they add bedrooms more than what is shown in our file. If the Board wishes to change our policy, I could live with that. Melinda made a motion to remove the policy of the septic evaluation needing to be done on any addition that is larger than 225 sq. ft., seconded by Joel. Melinda, Thom, Jim and Joel, yes. Mariano and Rob, no.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

**HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:**

1. Phil read and explained each item on his report. He then asked if there were any questions.
  - a. Rob asked about the Smoke Free Air Act. The question was, if you are a none smoking patron and somebody is there smoking and refuses to stop, are the police going to enforce this. Phil said the police will take information and then give it to the Health Dept. We will enforce this.
  - b. Phil talked about an ordinance to stop smoking in the parks. There are three towns in the County that have already done this. In each case, that ordinance was passed by the governing body. I sent this on to Steve Ward and that is where it is. Jim said this is going too far, now you can't smoke in open air.

**SANITARIAN REPORT:**

1. Rob asked about the Attorney General correspondence on Jamie's report. Phil said that has to do with an interpretation of when a septic system goes in, the surveyors in the State of New Jersey are the only ones who can do topographies (property elevations). This is on a new home, when it is a repair, we ask for site plans.

**BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:**

1. Rob asked about the obesity program Fran, Kathleen and Kristine are working on. Phil said this is moving along right now and we may partner with the Recreation Dept. when they do things with parents. This is an identified problem, right now it is in formative stages.

**HEALTH EDUCATOR**

**REGISTRAR REPORT**

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

1. Phil said the Governor of New Jersey has a program that cost about \$ 800,000 a year picking up dead deer on state, county and local roads. Gov. Corzine has decided to cancel that program. That will put the burden on the local government. Where this will go, I don't know. We sent this over to Steve Ward to see where this is going. Melinda suggested contacting the people who we contract with now. Phil said that will be up to Mr. Ward.

**SWAT**

1. Rob said there was a meeting sponsored by the Sussex County Center for Prevention and Counseling. He said there was a dance for Middle School age kids so the parents could bring the kids, drop them off and go to this meeting. The thing that was new was the internet safety thing, this very popular website call My

Space. Kids post a lot of personal information that predators can get a hold of and do things that are very bad things. Rob also said the Middle and High School will be doing the alcohol and drug survey that they do periodically.

**ALL REPORTS:** Jim made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Thom. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Phil passed a letter around that Dale Sloat received from a resident that adopted a cat and is very pleased with it. The cat was from the Middle School, there were cats there that Dale trapped and adopted out.
2. There was a letter from the schools. Fran participated in the Parent Fair and they wanted to thank her.
3. Phil said the Health Dept. sent letters out to all the beaches in Hopatcong. They also received a copy of the regulations. There will be a pre-operational inspection. The letter stated some of the things that this office expects. We also highlighted some things in the code. I am very concerned that these beaches are in fact in compliance. If there is an injury or a fatality, the first thing an attorney is going to do is look at our inspection report and then say, if we missed something, we didn't do our jobs. We are giving the beaches plenty of notice, but should we go out there and things are not there, then we will have to take some enforcement action. This is to protect the public and protect ourselves. As your Health Officer, I have no choice but to prevent any potential liability and death or injury to anybody.
4. Phil told the Board he will be leaving for Germany next week and will be gone for a week. We are trying to wrap everything up here before I leave.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Both items under New Business were discussed earlier.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Melinda, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell