

HIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes from February 7, 2007 Meeting

Board Members Present:

Dr. John Laudenberg
Sarah Kluxen
Dylan Ross
Katherine Zaiser

Board Members Absent:

Mary Ann Paglione
Rob Thibault
Lynda Harrington (Alt. 1)
Hilary Stults (Alt. 2)

Township Council Liaison:

Walter Sikorski – absent

Staff Present:

Robert Hary, Health Officer
Sharon Lane, Public Health Nurse
Jamie Murphy, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Vice President Ross called the February 7, 2007 meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Sunshine Law

Adequate Notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 with notices being sent and posted.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

Approval of Minutes

There were some minor modifications to be made. Member Zaiser made a motion to approve the January 3, 2007 minutes with the minor modifications. The motion was seconded by Member Kluxen and passed unanimously.

Health Officer's Report

Health Officer Hary reviewed the December 2006 and January 2007 Health Officer's Reports with the members. There were satisfactory ratings for all establishments inspected for the month of December.

In the January report, Hightstown Liquors was given the status of conditionally satisfactory. They don't have a food prep onsite, but they were without hot water, which is essential for the bathroom and cleaning the ice machine. They are not a considerable health risk because all of their foods are prepackaged.

Member Zaiser asked about high levels of radon in the area. Mr. Hary doesn't have data for Hightstown, but West Windsor and Washington Townships have an occasional case. Mr. Hary said that it is done as part of the home inspection and it doesn't need to be reported. The Health Department sells radon kits at less of the cost and they get the results as well as the home owners, who must mitigate it should the levels be high. Member Zaiser asked if there is any discussion of positive tests being reported to the neighborhood with potential of having high radon levels. Mr. Hary said that one home could have high levels and the next home be completely normal. There is no definitive data that that no one area is more likely to have it.

Nurse's Report

Sharon Lane reviewed the January 2007 Nurse's Report. The Health Fair will be held March 24th at the high school. Member Zaiser asked what the focus would be. Ms. Lane said that it would be children's fitness.

Member Zaiser asked about the Child Health Regional Meetings regarding autism and the mechanisms to pass out the information to the general public with the facts on early detection signs. Ms. Lane thought that an article in the Hightstown Crier to get the information out to the general public.

Member Laudenberger asked about the Mercer County Public Health Nurses Meeting regarding Hepatitis A Surveillance. Ms. Lane stated that it was run by the state health department nurses and focused on stopping it in the early stages to help prevent spreading. Mr. Hary stated that hepatitis A is spread through fecal and oral transmission. Ms. Lane said that there was only one case in our area.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Health Officer Hary passed out the resignation letter from Karen Cox. Member Zaiser had a recommendation for her replacement and will contact Mayor Patten with that information.

Adjournment

Member Laudenberger moved for adjournment. Member Zaiser seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

The next meeting of the Hightstown Board of Health will be held on March 7, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Murphy
Recording Secretary