

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
April 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Chatham Borough Board of Health meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., in Room 212, middle level, Chatham Municipal Building.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10: 4-6 et seq., adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by including same in the Annual Notice, copies of which were posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board, on the main floor of the Municipal Building, filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, emailed to the Chatham Courier.

Names	Present	Absent
Lisa DeRosa, Chrmn.	X	
Dr. Norman Schaeffer	X	
Rita Marts, R.N.	X	
Mary Ann McCabe	X	
Micki Chaput	X	
Kay Kaiser, R.N.	X	
Sally Myers		X
Council Member Holman	X	
Lisa Gulla	X	
Lucille Boland, R.N.	X	
Tamica Trotman		X
Liz Holler, Rec. Sec.	X	

Also present was Ben Samara, Environmental Specialist for the Board.

Kay Kaiser was sworn in by Chairman DeRosa to serve as Alternate I of the Board of Health. The meeting minutes of March 12, 2015 were approved as submitted (Resolution #15-07).

Ms. Gulla discussed Lisbeth Bringgaard, R.N., who had spoken at last month's Board meeting. Ms. Bringgaard was hired through a Drug Free Communities (DFC) mentoring grant through Morris County Prevention Is Key. The chief purpose of the DFC program is to reduce substance abuse among youngsters between the ages of 12 – 17 years, and to establish collaboration among community entities.

Ms. Gulla said that Ms. Bringgaard is hoping some Board of Health members will serve on her Coalition for this Drug Free Community mentoring program. Ms. Bringgaard had informed the Board that the DFC mentoring grant is good for 20 months. At the end of this program, a new coalition will be eligible for a 5 year grant worth \$125,000.

Ms. Gulla noted that Ms. Bringgaard aims to hold the first meeting of her mentoring coalition in June. All three towns should be involved – the two Chathams and Madison. Eventually Ms. Bringgaard hopes to give a presentation about the coalition to the Chatham Borough Council.

On other matters, Ms. Gulla reported that Christine Shesler has retired as Health Educator. Samantha Robinson will be taking her place. Ms. Robinson will be finishing her Masters Degree in Public Health. She is certified in the “Move Together” Program.

Ms. Gulla also noted that Flo Rice will also be retiring. The Nursing Director position will not be filled. A second Health Educator will be coming on board.

Mrs. DeRosa showed Board members an article that Mayor Harris had sent her concerning poison control. Perhaps it can be put on the Board’s web site. Council Member Holman suggested that Council Member Fife would be interested in this article.

On another matter, Council Member Holman brought up the possibility that the Board of Health hosting a table at the Farmer’s Market. Board members suggested he contact Janice Piccolo at the Chatham Municipal Building to arrange for a table. To arrange for a table at the Fishawack Festival, the Board should touch base with Fishawack Chairman Chris Tomaino.

Mr. Samura summarized his Sanitarian’s Report for March 2015. Cold Stone Creamery has not obtained their Food License for 2015. They have already been issued a late penalty fee and still have not responded. A summons will probably be issued. Mr. Samura also reported on a small fire recently at the Thai Passion restaurant.

Mr. Samura discussed grease trap inspections. Currently the three swimming pools in Chatham Borough are submitting the required paperwork and inspections in order to open on Memorial Day.

Ms. Gulla reported that all the school nurses in Chatham Borough have completed their audits. Chatham Borough has the highest number of religious exemptions for student vaccinations for measles and flu shots. Ms. Gulla reported that new legislation in being considered in Trenton to make religious exemptions more stringent. If this legislation goes through, parents would have to follow stricter requirements for such exemptions. The parents would have to re-submit the religious exemption forms every year. Ms. Gulla will find out when this legislation reaches the main floor of the State House.

Also regarding vaccines, Ms. Gulla recommended two good sites for Board members to check out: “Outbreak Simulator for Measles” and Penn & Teller’s video on the dangers of not being vaccinated.

Moving on to other concerns, Ms. Gulla brought up that wording changes need to be made in the Borough Code Book. For instance, Mr. Samura recently had to issue a penalty; however, it was discovered that no specific penalty fee was mentioned in the Code book. She and Mrs. DeRosa decided that the Board should meet with the Borough Attorney James Lott to clear up certain Code language issues. Mrs. DeRosa suggested that they should check on the language used by Chatham Township and Madison for penalty fees. Mrs. DeRosa felt there were other issues in the Code book that needed to be reviewed.

On Carol Nauta's behalf, Ms. Holler showed Mrs. DeRosa and the Board the current two slides advertising Board of Health programs and events on Channel 21. At least one slide was completely out of date. Ms. Gulla will make new slides for Mrs. Nauta to put on Chatham's TV channel. Regarding blood pressure testing (as advertised in a slide), Mrs. Marts discussed the problems with the blood pressure machine used at the Library. Mrs. De Rosa suggested that Dr. Al Brown, of Liberty Drug Store be consulted about which blood pressure machine would be best. Council Member Holman offered a monetary donation towards a new machine.

Mrs. Kaiser discussed educating the public about tick checks, especially for the youngsters. Ticks are now carriers of some serious diseases, aside from Lyme disease. Mrs. DeRosa will further look into this issue.

Before adjourning, Mrs. McCabe passed around Relay for Life information. The Relay will be held May 30 – 31. Lawn signs for the event cost \$20. Ms. Gulla offered to send the Relay for Life information to Robin Kline, the Borough Clerk, to put on the Borough website. Ms. Gulla reminded Mrs. McCabe that any food vendors participating in the Relay for Life would have to obtain temporary food licenses from the Board of Health.

At 8:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7 p.m., Room 212, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary