

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH  
April 11, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Lisa DeRosa called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212, middle level, Chatham Borough Hall. Chrmn. DeRosa read aloud the following statement:

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 he Municipal Bulletin Board, on the main floor of the Borough Hall, emailed to the Chatham Courier, the Daily Record, and the Alternative Press on January3, 2019 and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

| Names   | Present | Absent |
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| Lisa DeRosa, Chrmn.                           | X       |        |
| Rita Marts, R.N.                              | X       |        |
| Mary Ann McCabe, R.N.                         | X       |        |
| Kay Kaiser, R.N.                              | X       |        |
| Micki Chaput, R.N.                            |         | X      |
| Lisabeth Bringgaard, R.N.                     | X       |        |
| Shelliam Lee                                  |         | X      |
| Council Member Robert Weber, Sr.              |         | X      |
| Bridget Colendenski, R.N. Public Health Nurse | X       |        |
| Andrew Zoltan – 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate     | X       |        |
| Megan Avallone, Health Officer                | X       |        |
| Beau Preston, R.E.H.S.                        | X       |        |
| Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary                 | X       |        |

Public Comments

There were none.

### Motion to Adopt the Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of March 14, 2019 BOH meeting were approved as amended.

### Reports

#### Nursing Report

Board members briefly discussed the vaccines available for adults.

Mrs. Colendenski reported on a recent NJ TV presentation: “Understanding Mental Stress & Suicide Factors for Today’s Youth”. Topics discussed were the warning signs, risk factors, support systems, social isolation and bullying. Young people can face serious stress when they begin college life.

#### R.E.H.S. Report

Mr. Preston reported that the March inspections in the local restaurants went well. He has approved the plans for the new restaurant, Café Roma. He still has to receive the plans from the pastry store and the ice cream store which will be opening soon on Main Street. Mr. Preston discussed a garbage situation behind Chatham Sandwich Shop and D’Oro’s that was reported. He reviewed with Mr. Arminio and other business owners on how to correctly break down and store their used cardboard items.

Mr. Preston reported that he had attended a course and is now certified in Community Noise Enforcement. He is certified to operate a noise meter.

Board members and Mr. Preston discussed the French pastry business that will be opening soon on Main Street.

#### Financial Reports

The Board accepted the report. No questions or comments were made.

#### Vital Statistics

The Board accepted the report. No questions or comments were made.

#### Animal Control Report

Board members discussed a recent dog bite episode. A dog tied up outside of the post office building on Main St., had bitten a lady passing by. The lady refused medical attention. It was discovered that the dog was not wearing any Borough license tags; however, had he had been given his rabies shot. The lady alerted a parking enforcement officer of the incident; however, refused medical attention. Later she sent in photos of her bruised leg. Chrmn. DeRosa read aloud the closing

account on this episode as written by Officer Modafferi when he signed off on the quarantine release after visiting the dog. The dog appeared healthy and friendly at that time.

Board members discussed the many time residents tie up their dogs outside of local businesses, when they go in to eat or shop. It's not certain how an unattended dog will react to passers-by. Residents should be reminded that when they tie up their dogs outside of stores, things may become risky. Chrmn. DeRosa said she will discuss this situation with the Chatham Police.

#### Pest Control Report

The Board accepted the report.

#### Health Officer Monthly Update

Ms. Avallone reported that she had contacted Borough Attorney Lott. By summer, all of the Board of Health ordinances will be ready. She suggested a power-point presentation could be done at a Borough Council meeting, showing the high-lights of these ordinances.

Mr. Zoltan reported that he and Ms. Avallone put something together an account on the activities of the Chatham Board of Health and the issues they deal with. Ms. Avallone suggested using this information be submitted as letters to the editor, instead of an article. The letter could be a re-cap of each BOH meeting, touching on the issues that had been discussed by the Board.

Mr. Zoltan discussed the article that he and Ms. Avallone had worked on. Among the topics in the article, was stressing the importance of people in all age groups being vaccinated. He offered to turn the article into a letter to the editor. Board members talked about other possible topics for future articles, such as the tying up of dogs outside of stores.

Answering an inquiry from Mrs. McCabe, Ms. Avallone discussed a new fungal infection that has been affecting people who are in long-term care facilities. At least three states have been dealing with this infection – New York, New Jersey, Colorado. The NY Times did a recent article about this illness. Ms. Avallone will send copies of the article to Board members.

#### Measles Table Top Exercise

Ms. Avallone reported that she had participated in a Northwest region emergency exercise. Health Officers as well as representatives from area hospitals took part in

this table top exercise, reviewing plans on how to handle a massive measles outbreak – how to advise infected people, how to quarantine people, etc. Unfortunately, no one from the State Health Department attended. No epidemiologists took part in this exercise. As a result of these absences, Ms. Avallone and her counter-parts in other communities felt that they would have to be self-reliant if a serious measles outbreak occurred.

Ms. Avallone noted that she and Chrmn. DeRosa will be giving a presentation to the Mayor and Borough Council on May 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be reporting on the immunization rates in the Borough schools. The vast majority of local students have been vaccinated.

Ms. Avallone reported that she has been talking with State Senator Joe Vitale's office. Senator Vitale is Chairman of the Health, Human Services, and Sr. Citizen Commission. Ms. Avallone urged Board members to phone Senator Vitale's office, to express their support for the bill not allowing religious exemptions for vaccinations. Ms. Avallone reminded Board members that there are too many angry people who are against necessary vaccinations. Our State representatives should also hear from the many residents who support this bill.

On other matters, Chrmn. DeRosa announced that Chatham Borough will be observing New Jersey Local Government Week. Borough Hall will hold an Open House tomorrow, April 12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chrmn. DeRosa reviewed the displays and gatherings that will be held for local students and residents. Ms. Avallone will be representing the Board of Health in Room 301. Mr. Preston will also participate. First Responder vehicles will be on display behind Borough Hall for the public to view. Refreshments will be served.

Chrmn. DeRosa also reported that Borough Administrator Steve Williams will be serving as Acting Borough Clerk until a permanent Borough Clerk is appointed.

At 7:58 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Borough Board of Health meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, 7 p.m., Room 212, middle level, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler, Recording Secretary