

## READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 18, 2009 7:00 pm

Chair William C. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

### Attendance Roll Call:

Christina Albrecht	present	William C. Nugent	present	Wendy Sheay	absent
Jane Butula	present	Tanya Rohrbach	present	Donna Simon	present
Beatrice Muir	absent				

**Also Present:** Hunterdon County Health Dept.: Debra Vaccarella @ 7:20 pm

**Not in Attendance:** Board of Health Attorney, Marisa A. Taormina, Esq.  
Board of Health Engineer, Ferriero Engineering, Inc.

### A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. **Minutes** of January 21, 2009. (*-Butula vote*).

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Albrecht, seconded by Ms. Rohrbach to approve the minutes of 1/21/09. Chair Nugent stated on pg. 2 of 7, G. H. and I., the term 'for the year 2009' had not been included in the original motion. On roll call vote, the following was recorded for the approval of the 1/21/09 minutes:  
Ms. Albrecht Aye      Ms. Muir Aye      Ms. Sheay Aye      Chair Nugent Aye

### B. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **NALBOH – Newsbrief.**

2. **NJLBHA – workshops.**

*Chair Nugent asked if anyone was interested in attending. Ms. Simon had previously voiced interest in attending.*

3. **Readington Township Volunteer meeting.**

*Ms. Butula stated that the BOH would participate; also the Medical Reserve Corps from the Count would attend. Ms. Albrecht stated she would also be at the meeting representing the EC.*

4. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/8/09 regarding heating oil.

5. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/15/09 regarding heating oil.

6. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/16/09 regarding heating oil.

7. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/13/09 regarding natural gas.

8. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/30/09 regarding diesel fuel.

9. **Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification** letter dated 1/21/09 regarding heating oil.

10. **Block 2.01/Lot 9.01 – LOI Line Verification Application.**

*Chair Nugent noted that there has been other correspondence on this property.*

11. **Rockafellow's Mill Road** bridge permit.

*Chair Nugent stated this is the steel bridge over Rockafellow's Mill Road. Ms. Butula stated this was recently in the newspaper, construction is not that far off, and they are limited as to when it can be done.*

12. **Block 98/Lot 2.27 - NJDEP - no further action letter.**

*Ms. Vaccarella noted that this letter is the document submitted after the Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notifications are submitted, and are tracked by Code Enf.*

13. **Block 34/Lot 10 - NJDEP – Freshwater Wetlands Gen. Perm. No.6.**

14. **Block 32/Lot 12 - NJDEP – Freshwater Wetlands Gen. Perm. No.6.**

15. **Block 13/Lot 68 - NJDEP – Flood Hazard Area applicability determination.**

16. **Block 27/Lot 31 - NJDEP – Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act.**

17. **Block 56/Lot 2 - NJDEP – GP 25.**

*Ms. Butula asked that Ms. Vaccarella note that they are ready to go ahead.*

18. **NJDEP Ground Water Rule requirements.**

*Ms. Butula asked Ms. Vaccarella how this involves the BOH. Ms. Vaccarella stated that she will be administrating this for HCHD. This was sent here because this building is a public non community water system, this should not have come to the BOH. The township has a licensed operator that they employ, and the township should be aware of the fact that more sampling will be required, it also covers*

*the ball fields, the transient systems for the ball fields, so more testing would be required when there is a coliform positive. Ms. Butula asked that Ms. Mekovetz be made aware of this, Ms. Vaccarella stated that Mr. Jesseman – Public Works, and also Ms. Kenney – Recreation, should be copied on this memo. Chair Nugent asked if the frequency of testing had changed. Ms. Vaccarella stated no, but that would change would be if there were a total coliform. This is applicable to all wells that are public non-community and community water, it is meant to cover both, however this letter is only referring to the non-community. It also covers the community systems such as E-town. Chair Nugent asked how frequent they expect test positives that then force further testing and expansion of testing. Ms. Vaccarella stated frequently.*

19. Letter from Malick & Scherer dated 12/22/08 regarding General Permit 10B and Individual Flood Hazard Area Permit Appl.

*Chair Nugent and Ms. Butula agreed that this is a great measure for encouraging healthy lifestyles.*

20. Block 46.01/Lot 7 – Freshwater wetlands application checklist.

21. Block 38/Lot 85 – HCHD Notice of Violation.

*Chair Nugent complimented HCHD on this. Ms. Vaccarella stated this was forwarded via Readington Code Enforcement.*

22. Block 10/Lot 22 – HCHD – Complaint # C-11-10-08.

23. Renewal of 2009 membership with NALBOH and NJLBHA.

*Chair Nugent noted that the membership cards are available for board members.*

24. HCHD “Newly Appointed Municipal Board of Health Member Orientation”

March 31, 2009 6:30 – 8:30 @ Route 12 Complex, Flemington.

*Ms. Vaccarella stated new and current board members and board secretaries are invited.*

*Chair Nugent stated this is the second part to the video presentation from last month and part of guiding the board of health towards an educational path. This video is focused on the state of New Jersey.*

#### **Video Presentation: 'Protecting the Health of the People'**

*Chair Nugent stated just to recap the video, of the two types of boards, advisory and autonomous, Readington Township Board of Health is an autonomous board.*

*Ms. Butula stated our board is one of only two in this county, this board has the right to, and does write our own ordinances, which allows us to take an active role in our community.*

*There was some discussion of the HCHD role in food establishment inspections, and ; water testing.*

#### **C. Septic Repairs (*HCHD status in italics*).**

1. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 25/L 43.05.

*Chair Nugent commented on this repair. Ms. Vaccarella stated this was based on a complaint from the owner of the property who had a backup out one of the inspection ports between the house and sewer system. The septic pumping company verified that the tank was in backwards, a complaint was made to HCHD. The original builder was responsible, and corrected the installation.*

2. Septic System Repair Approval from HCHD, B 38/L 85.

*Noted.*

#### **D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Rabies Clinic 1/24/09 – *Ms. Petzinger stated 130 dogs and cats were inoculated, about 110 dogs,*

*and 20 cats, the clinic was very successful. The Partnership Booklets "A Healthy You" were distributed and received a positive response.*

**2. Partnership for Health update – Ms. Butula stated 5 health needs were identified in this county, the 5<sup>th</sup> one being access to health. One item focused on was a need for dental care. In this county, there are 5,000 people on Medicaid, and not one dentist in Hunterdon County does any Medicaid work. This is a difficult issue, there is no Dental Association in Hunterdon County. There was one dentist that helped the access committee, looking at the options, and different programs. A proposal was written up and presented to the Freeholders in a presentation in July. It was recommended that a business plan be drawn up, all the facts, including that there are 15,000 that are only a notch above the poverty level that need dental care. The result of that meeting was that the dental needs of Hunterdon County will hopefully be taken care of by a non profit agency from Morris County.**

**3. NALBOH – Ms. Butula stated as discussed at the December BOH meeting, there was material offered through the National Association of Local Boards of Health, which she has reviewed. A recommended tape that the whole board should see, "Local Responsibilities Related to National Environmental Health Priorities" may be beneficial to the board members. Some of the other recommended materials are "Being an Effective Local Board of Health Member"; "Pandemic Planning"; "Wastewater Treatment"; "Guide to Developing Effective Environmental Health Policies for Boards of Health"; and one itemizing the 10 goals of a Board of Health.**

*There was some discussion of the video material provided. It was determined to schedule approximately 25 minutes at the next two Board of Health meetings for viewing "Local Responsibilities Related to National Environmental Health Priorities".*

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Nuisance Ordinance – status. Chair Nugent stated that he is in discussion with counsel on this, it appears that portions of that ordinance are not necessary, because they are already covered in statutes. Chair Nugent stated he would like the County to advise which portions of the ordinance should be put into place, and how they may have applied to situations that have already come before this board.**

**2. HCHD Communication tool. Chair Nugent stated the County has requested a list of board members email addresses so that they may contact members more promptly in an emergency. This request has previously been directed solely to the Board of Health office (board secretaries) email, for board member privacy, and also to keep the board secretary advised of all correspondence. Chair Nugent stated his response was no, however, each board member should make that determination on their own.**

#### **F. APPROVALS**

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Albrecht to adjourn at 9:30 pm, seconded by Ms. Rohrbach with a vote of Ayes all, Nays, none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Petzinger  
Board of Health Secretary