

# **Hillsdale Board of Health**

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## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Hillsdale Board of Health  
June 3, 2014

Vice President Susan Kushner opens the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

“This is a regular meeting of the Hillsdale Board of Health. By resolution adopted on December 3, 2013, a notice of time and place of this meeting was provided to the Ridgewood News and is posted on the electronic bulletin board and on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall.

### **Secretary calls the roll:**

**Present:** Dr. Susan Kushner, Vice President, Mrs. Marguerite Deppert, RN, Mrs. Christina Fanelli, RN, Mrs. Lois Kohan, RN, Mrs. Elaine Meyerson, Mrs. Angela Musella, NWBRHC, Mr. James Stephens, Mrs. Louisa Toledo, Mrs. Chrisoula Looes, Council Liaison

**Absent:** Dr. Rona Weinberg

**Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting, May 4, 2014

**Motion to receipt and file:** J. Stephens

**Second:** C. Fanelli

**Approval of May, 2014 Correspondence:**

### **Health Office and Employee Reports:**

1. Mandated inspections were done at various food establishments as well as the food stands at the Fire Department Carnival.
2. May is a very busy month for NWBRHC because all the pools have to be inspected.
3. A dead rat was found on someone's front lawn. G. Brunner attempted to contact the caller but the phone number was incorrect. There will be no further investigation.
4. West Hills Deli failed to have a certified food handler on the premises. They failed to complete the three hour food handler course as requested so a summons was issued by G. Cochran. At their court date they were found guilty and were issued a fine. They are scheduled to take the course in June.
5. There was a complaint about 6 rats coming from a next door neighbor on Magnolia Ave and running through their yard. The caller said the house is not being maintained. An investigation is pending.
6. There is an abandoned in ground pool full of water at a Forest Drive Home. The house is in foreclosure and is empty. The complainant is worried about mosquitos and has already contacted Bergen County Mosquito Commission who serviced the

property. The complainant was also wondering about maintenance of the property. Complaint was forwarded to Tracy Jeffery property maintenance inspector to investigate.

7. There was a complaint about Demarest Farms from someone who claimed that she and her boyfriend ate lunch there and both became ill. An investigation is pending.
8. There was a complaint about a Piermont Ave address having a pool with black stagnant water. Complainant is worried about mosquitos. An investigation is pending.
9. Follow up on a previous complaint about a wood pile that was harboring rats and they were going over to the complainants property. Complainant had been talking to his neighbor to see if they could resolve this matter. G. Cochran conducted a site inspection and observed the wood pile. No one was at home. The complainant said he would speak to his neighbor again. G. Cochran left a card with a message for complainant to call Health Department. On 5/14 a violation notice was hand delivered to the owner and on 5/23 the wood was stacked off the ground and the violation abated.
10. Loving Touch Nursery Director has a large fish tank in her office which holds two turtles. The children do not come into contact with the turtles but they do like to watch them, especially if they are upset. D Snyder spoke to the Director and explained that anyone who comes in contact with the turtles or the tank must wash their hands. Also, the tank and surrounding area must be clean and maintained. No further investigation.
11. M. Deppert had 13 people for the Blood Pressure Clinic at the American Legion and 8 people at Hillsdale House. There were no people for the Borough Clinic. She suggested that maybe she could do a Health Clinic on those days that she has scheduled for blood pressure clinic in the borough hall and maybe that would draw more people in.
12. She did 3 home visits, one initial and two revisits. There were four office visits, three initial and one revisit.
13. There were 3 cases from the CDRSS. 2 lyme disease and 1 hepatitis C. There were no lead cases.
14. She took a class BCDHS inservice, on Cultural Competence.
15. L. Kohan has been continuing her home visits and since September of 2013 has done 31 of them.
16. The exercise class is growing at Hillsdale House and is very popular. L. Kohan gave a resident at Hilldale House a walker to use.
17. She participated in Relay for Life at Westwood High School, she said it went very well and was well attended.

**Motion to receipt and file:** S. Kushner

**Second:** C. Fanelli

**Opening of Public Meeting 8:15 p.m. – Closed Public Meeting 8:15 p.m.**

There was a discussion about NJDEP program to promote testing for radon in homes. The DEP will reimburse municipalities up to \$1000 toward the purchase of radon test devices. The kits would be distributed to homeowners only, within the municipality. Records of recipients and analysis results must be submitted to the DEP on a monthly basis. The board will look into this further.

**Prior Business:**

1. **Walk Across America** – There was nothing to report.
2. **Skin Cancer Screening** clinic has been scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> at Stonybrook Swim Club from 2-5 p.m. Westwood Dermatology Group will be the physicians conducting the screening.
3. **Adult Playground Grant:** P. Hughes will e-mail Neglia Engineering to see if they have anything to report in reference to the grant for the playground. It was also suggested that the name be changed to the Adult Fitness Area instead of Adult Playground.
4. **American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness:** B. DeCaro and P. Lalka still want to continue this program. They will work with the Boy Scouts in preparing disaster kits.
5. **Eye Screening Clinic,** was well attended, with 20 participants.
6. **Blood Testing/Flu Clinic.** The flu clinic has been scheduled for September. M. Deppert said she had been in touch with Accumed Labs who do the blood work and we would have to guarantee a certain number of participants or we would be charged. It was suggested that instead of trying to do the blood work with the flu clinic it should be done at a later time.

**New Business:**

1. **NWBRHC** – There was a unanimous vote to renew NWBRHC contract for 2015.
2. **BOH secretaries office changes:** S. Jeune said because of staff changes in the building department where she currently works for half a day she would be staying there all the time and doing her board of health hours there. B. DeCaro asked if the Board of Health would still be getting 15 hours a week from S. Jeune which they will.

**Vouchers: None at this time.**

S. Kushner wants an ordinance against people smoking in county parks. It was suggested that this would have to be done through the county. E. Meyerson said she will call the head of the county parks to further investigate this.

The subject of E-cigarettes was discussed again and how the new flavored E-cigarettes are appealing more to the young kids than the adults.

**Motion to adjourn meeting:** C. Fanelli

**Second:** L. Toledo

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting: September 9, 2014**