

**Borough of Rocky Hill  
Board of Health**

**MINUTES of Meeting held on April 17, 2007**

Attendance: Dr. Betsy Haines, presiding; Mary Germain; Beverly Poelstra; Steve Papenberg (Health Officer); Dr. Bill Hallman, Borough Council representative to the Board.

Note: Mayor Zimmerman was at the Borough Hall and made himself available to the Board of Health for input on several issues.

Excused: P. Querec; A. Sheppard

The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review of Minutes of meeting held on 3-13-07.		Unanimous acceptance as written.
1. Report of Health Officer: Mr. Steve Papenberg		Distributed final version of Somerset County's CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) to Board members for review and discussion at meeting scheduled for 5-8-07.  Rabies Vaccination Clinic will take place on 4-19-07 from 4-6p.m. at the Rocky Hill Fire Department. No charge. Dog & cat licenses may be renewed at the Clinic.
1. Update on well at Amy Garrett House.	Nothing new to report. Mr. Papenberg has inspected the well enclosure and found it to be secure; well is not a threat to public health or safety. Mr. Uhrik, a member of the South Brunswick Health Department staff and a resident of Rocky Hill, will periodically inspect the well enclosure to insure that it continues to adequately protect the public.	

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1. Municipal Alliance	Betsy Haines spoke with Dan Harrington (Borough Council member responsible for grant generation), to see if he knew what grants had been awarded to the Municipal Alliance for the current year. Mr. Harrington has not been informed of the nature of this year's grants.	Mr. Papenberg will follow-up and will bring copies of the grants to the next RHBOH meeting (5-8-07).
1. Update on status of Rocky Hill Resident Information Sheet (RHRIS).	B. Haines has completed the Sheet.	B. Haines will e-mail a copy of the finalized RHRIS to B. Hallman who will bring it forward to the Borough Council for review and placement on the Borough's website.  The RHRIS will also be distributed with the Borough's newsletter: This Is Where You Want To Be.
1. Community Emergency Needs Survey.	There is a need for greater clarity in the question inquiring about the need for daily access to life sustaining medication. For example: a person might not need a medication every day, but if they were asthmatic and experienced an acute asthmatic attack and could not access a rescue medication, they could be in real jeopardy. Rephrase the question to be more inclusive.	M. Germain & B. Poelstra will review and make any necessary revisions.

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1. Nuisance Ordinance re: noise.	<p>Quarry blasting and safety beeps emitted by their dump trucks as they go into reverse, creates an enormous amount of noise, beginning about 5 a.m. in the morning.</p> <p>M. Germain also reported hearing loud noise about 6 a.m., created by what sounds like trash pickup at the shopping center that houses Vespia Tires. She raised a concern about the impact of the noise on residents of the ARC facility which is located directly behind Vespia Tires.</p>	<p>S. Papenberg will secure copies of existing noise ordinances. He also recommended that Borough residents be advised to record any quarry blasting that they note; important to keep a record of blast propagation if future action is required.</p>
1. Educational topics for This Is Where You Want To Be.	<p>Suggested topics included: mosquito control; West Nile Virus; recommendations for food usage/disposal after a power loss; medication safety.</p>	
1. Recreation Committee and Mayor's Wellness Pledge; Van Horne Park Committee.	<p>B. Haines spoke with Melissa Bernardi and informed her that P. Querec has volunteered to provide input to the Park Committee regarding issues of public health and safety and the particular needs of the RH Rescue Squad in terms of emergency response.</p>	<p>B. Haines will also inform Mayor Zimmerman of P. Querec's willingness to provide input to the park committee.</p>
10. Cyclist Race scheduled for 6/30.	<p>Mayor Zimmerman indicated that all arrangements have been made, including provision for water, staging of emergency equipment along the route...</p>	<p>No need for any action by the RHBOH.</p>
11. Reverse 911.	<p>Alan Querec, the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator, fortuitously happened to be at Borough Hall and he reported that Somerset County has gotten a grant to implement the Reverse 911 system and has requested contact information for residents.</p>	

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12. Board of Health table at Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at the RH Fire House.	M. Germain, B. Haines and P. Querec have volunteered to "cover" the table and distribute the File of Life to any interested attendee.	
13. Next meeting date.		Tuesday, May 8, 2007.
14. Adjournment.		Meeting adjourned by President Haines at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Germain  
Secretary pro tem