

Rocky Hill Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting on 01/14/2014

Members Present: Susan Fisher, V.M.D; Beverly Poelstra, M.D. (presiding); Ken Rizzi, MPH, Peggy Querec MSN, RN; Betsy Haines M.D.

Also Present: Mark Pausch PhD, Borough Council Liaison; Benjamin Strong, SCDOH Liaison, Nicole Rondon, MPH, Public Health Epidemiologist

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm, prior notification having been given in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231

Review and Approval of the Minutes:

The meeting minutes of the December 10th meeting were approved. Haines made a motion, Dr. Fisher seconded.

Report of Somerset County Department of Health (SCDOH) Liaison

- Food inspections conducted were reported to be satisfactory.
- New inspector for Rocky Hill, Nicole Rondon, was welcomed.

Reorganization

- Mayor Zimmerman swore in new members Ms. Querec and Mr. Rizzi
- New Secretary, Eileen Hallman, was welcomed.
- Dr. Fisher nominated Dr. Poelstra to be the new president of the Board of Health, Mr. Rizzi seconds. A vote was taken and Dr. Poelstra is now the President.
- Dr. Fisher nominated Dr. Haines to be the new Vice President of the Board of Health, Mr. Rizzi seconds. A vote was taken Dr. Haines is the new Vice President.

Old Business

- Dr. Fisher was commended for 3 excellent years of service to the Board of Health
- The automatic renewal date of the host company for the Board of Health website has passed. The Board of Health has been billed for the Advantage Plan for \$120.88 for the year, as previously approved by the Board.
- A letter was sent to Dr. Masaba of the SEE, explaining that attendance to their meetings would not be routine.

New Business

- The 2014 dog and cat survey needs to be done, preferably before the licensing date, April 30th
- Purpose of the survey is to determine which households in Rocky Hill contain pets in order to properly license them.
- License forms will be distributed by mail and will also be available on the Rocky Hill website. Changes to the form will include an amended final sentence. The License form will be revisited at the next meeting.
- Contract renewal with the SCDOH needs to be submitted by November, no changes have been suggested for the contract.
- Rabies clinic will be scheduled sometime in April
- Future projects for the Board of Health will include the jaywalking problem by the Rocky Hill Post Office. Jaywalking will be added to the Board of Health website as a safety issue. Noise pollution caused by “jake-brakes” in large trucks is to be addressed, possibly as a recommendation to the Council, in accordance with the noise ordinances of Rocky Hill. A “Quiet-Zone” sign has been proposed.
- The next meeting will take place February 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Poelstra made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 and seconded by Dr. Fisher with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Hallman