

**Princeton Board of Health**  
Monthly Meeting  
**July 21st, 2015**  
Monument Hall - East Meeting Room  
One Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Lauren Babcock Dunning, MPH  
George DiFerdinando, M.D  
Laura Kahn, MD  
JoAnn Hill, RN  
Steven Miller, PhD  
Linda Steiner-Sichel, MPH  
Charles Rojer, M.D., Chairman  
Linda Schwimmer, Esq  
Rick Weiss, MS

**Staff:**

Jeffrey Grosser MHS, HO

**Guests:**

Nate Barson (Animal Control Officer)  
Elizabeth Bates, HSC  
Heather Howard, Council

**I. Call to Order**

At 7:28PM, Chairman Rojer called the meeting to order by affirming: "This meeting of the Princeton Board of Health has been duly advertised and is being conducted in compliance with all provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act."

**II. Roll Call**

All members of the board were noted present during the formal roll call.

**III. Public Comment and Guests**

Nate Barson, the new Animal Control Officer, was introduced to the Board. He will be working closely with the Health Department and the Police Department. He will hold standard business hours and then the Police will be able to reach him 24-hour access when needed.

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 16th, 2015**

The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

## **V. Monthly Reports**

### **Health Officer's Report**

a. Transportation to/from the Hospital:

NJ Transit has confirmed that the 655 line will be out of service as of the first week of September. An on demand taxi service has been arranged to cover a ½ mile radius around the old hospital neighborhood. This includes anyone living from the hospital south to Nassau Street, West to Rt 206, north to Valley Road / Terhune and east to N. Harrison Street. This service will not be provided to the Henry Pannell Center but exploring options with Tiger Transit to fill the gap. The service will be available for anyone in that area without another option for transportation and for those with appointments, emergency cases should call 911. Flyers and brochures will be distributed across the community to raise awareness of these changes.

b. Tabaco 21 Compliance Checks:

High school interns will conduct compliance checks end of July/early August.

c. Food Safety Training Course:

Food Inspectors are putting together course for all retail food establishments in Princeton. It is going to be presented by inspectors, public health nurse and health educator held at the Court Room in Witherspoon Hall in October or November in anticipation of norovirus season.

d. Video on Responsibilities of Health Department

The department is making a brief video clip to give residents a better sense of what the department does and hopes to also apply this to the accreditation requirements. Video will be releases in fall 2015.

## **VI. Old Business**

a. Nail Salon Ordinance

Much of a model nail salon ordinance is currently covered NJ State Administrative Code and is enforced by the Department of Consumer Affairs – Division of Cosmetology. The Health Officer presented a substantial report that included a review of several ordinances from New York and Boston to identify the best elements for improved safety and sanitation regulation. This would apply to some 26 facilities in Princeton including barbershops, beauty shops and of those there are about a dozen nail salons. A key concern is about

sufficient air ventilation and proper air handling systems to protect the hair salon workers, specifically pregnant staff.

There may also be an education piece for individual usage outside commercial locations.

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Smoking Policy**

Terrace Club put out a new policy stipulating no smoking is allowed. The University is expected to publish strict on campus rules as well.

Other municipalities have expressed interest to the Princeton Health Department in adopting similar policies and have asked for written version of our Tobacco 21 ordinance.

### **b. Reported Disease cases**

The State has seen half as many bats with rabies as compared with the previous year. Mercer County has not had a single instance.

There has been an increase in Lyme disease cases.

There have not been any cases of West Nile virus in mosquitoes thus far.

### **c. Public Health Training to Police Officers**

There will be ongoing training of police officers on a range of issues including how to handle animals with rabies and pedestrian safety awareness among other concerns. Said training will be in line with the police department's recently completed strategic plan.

## **VIII. Reports from Committees**

There was nothing to report from the committees or liaisons.

## **IX. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Weiss motioned to adjourn. All present voted in favor of this action and the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Soto