

MINUTES OF THE CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
April 4, 2006

**Time and Place of Meeting:** The April monthly meeting, held at the Cranbury Town Hall, was duly opened by Vice Chair Shapiro at 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Bernice Shapiro, Board Chair; John Jackson, Board Member; Cheryl Coyle, Board Vice-Chair; Angela Cook, Board Member; Dr. John Coumbis, Board Member; Sharon Martens, Middlesex County Public Health Department; Edmond Konin, Esq., Board Attorney; and Kathleen Wasson, Board Secretary. Cranbury resident Connie Bauder also attended the meeting.

**Call to Order:** With a quorum present, Chair Shapiro called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The secretary stated that adequate notice of the meeting's date, time and place had been provided to the public pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.) by mailing to the media, posting on the Township bulletin board and filing with the Town Clerk. The Board proceeded with new business.

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**First order of business:** February Meeting Minutes

The February minutes were unanimously approved as amended; motion by John Jackson; second by Angela Cook.

**Second order of business:** Public Health Report

The Board members received the monthly report for March, 2006. Sharon Martens reviewed the substance of the report for the Board. The members discussed the logging of odor complaints and whether they are individually listed or not. The Secretary will follow up with Jessica Smit and inform the Board as to the logging procedures followed by Ms. Smit and the County Air Pollution Control Office.

**Third order of business:** Environmental Report

The Board members received the report for the months of February and March, 2006. The new septic plan review was rejected by the County. Therefore, the Board does not need to review the plans at this time.

**Fourth order of business: Old Business**

Discussion of the model ordinance on septic systems was tabled until the May meeting.

The Board discussed how to proceed with activities for dog bite prevention week, which is the first week in May. Dr. Coumbis said that PSE&G may be willing to help, since they are concerned about their employees being bitten by dogs. Ms. Cook pointed out that the school is very busy right now with standardized testing and it is very hard to schedule programs on short notice. Ms. Coyle suggested approaching the boy and girl scouts to help with this project. Dr. Coumbis and Ms. Cook will meet to discuss this further and report back to the Board.

Dr. Coumbis discussed the Medical Reserve Corps with Mayor Panconi, who wanted to discuss the issue with the town fire and rescue companies before the Board takes any action. Dr. Coumbis will follow up with Mayor Panconi and get back to the Board.

Ms. Shapiro has put some things together for the Board's vision and mission and will forward this to the Board. One thing is the needs assessment that Dr. Coumbis suggested. Dr. Coumbis spoke with Charlie Smith of the rescue squad about getting information for the needs assessment and will follow up with him. Sharon Martens said that the County Health Department has conducted health needs assessments on every town in the County. Dr. Coumbis asked for the Secretary to obtain a copy of the Cranbury assessment. Sharon Martens will assist in getting it to the Board. Dr. Coumbis mentioned that there is a reemergence of pertussis occurring in public health right now. Dr. Coumbis would like to make it a priority to educate the public about inoculations.

The invisible fence issue is not a public health issue – it is more within the jurisdiction of the Planning/Zoning Boards. Ms. Cook did some research today and, from what she read, she concurs. Mr. Konin asked the Secretary to forward a note to the Planning/Zoning Boards from the Chair, referring the issue for their consideration.

**Fifth order of business: New Business**

None

**Public Comment:** The Chair opened the public forum at 8:00 p.m. Ms. Bauder noted that vaccinations are required in order to attend school. Ms. Cook noted that this is the first year that incoming kindergarteners are required to have the Chicken Pox vaccine. Dr. Coumbis mentioned that bird influenza will probably hit our shores very soon and that children should be

educated about not touching dead birds. Ms. Bauder said the County is having a health fair on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Board may wish to publicize this event. Ms. Bauder spoke about the invisible fence issue and how dog bites can occur when delivery persons are on the property within the fence area.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Board, the Chair stated that she would entertain a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by John Jackson and seconded by Angela Cook. The vote was unanimous in favor of adjournment and the meeting was concluded at 8:10 p.m.

**Certification:** I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Board of Health and that this document, consisting of 3 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on April 4, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 19th day of May, 2006.

Kathleen S. Wasson  
Board Secretary