

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2013, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Hopewell Township Municipal Building main conference Room**

If you are unable to attend please contact Gary Guarino  
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Call meeting to Order

Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News and Trenton Times (the official newspapers) on December 26, 2012, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

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The January meeting of the Hopewell Township Health Advisory Committee was held in the Municipal Building Conference Room on the above-mentioned date.

**Present:** Matt Martin, Jan Bishop, Allen Thomas, Kathy Hill, Michael Rothwell  
Mayor Vanessa Sandom, Dr. Gertzman

**Absent:** Dr. Mark Sherwood,

**Also Present:**

Health Officer, Gary Guarino and Bob English

The January 23, 2013 meeting of the Hopewell Township Health Advisory Committee was called to order by Gary Guarino at 7:00 p.m.

The first order of business was establishing the appointments of chairperson and vice-chairman. The chairperson would be responsible for running the meeting and addressing the Township Committee with their recommendations on various issues. Ms. Jan Bishop nominated Mr. Allen Thomas to be appointed as chairman, Mrs. Kathy Hill seconded. Mr. Allen Thomas moved to nominate Mrs. Kathy Hill to serve as vice-chairman, Dr. Gertzman seconded. Both appointments approved by voice vote.

Mr. Allen Thomas moved to reappoint Kathy Prassas as secretary to the Advisory Board of Health, Mrs. Kathy Hill seconded. Approved by voice vote.

Upon review of minutes from the August 15, 2013 regular meeting, Allen Thomas moved to approve, Kathy Hill seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Next on the agenda was review of radar traffic control devices and digital radar signs. Lengthy

discussion was held addressing concerns raised by a local resident of evidence of cancer by State Police as a result of use and exposure to radar traffic control devices and radar signs. Mr. Guarino and Mr. English noted the units are manufactured according to specification and installed as specified. Mr English reported that the type of equipment used by troopers and that currently in use is significant different in wave lengths used and safer. They found no reason not to utilize these traffic control units in the township now or in the future. Board members recommended findings of the study should be forwarded to Mr. Paul Pogorzelski, who will discuss the matter with area residents where units were installed to address safety concerns through Harbourton Village. Board members suggested a way to relieve anxiety of the resident with the issue was possibly relocating the devices to minimize exposure and intermittent use of the radar sign. A resolution will be prepared.

Mr. Guarino presented an update on the RWJ grant and the Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership advising funding of the grant is until August 1, 2013. Mr. Guarino reported the CHIP is completed and is available on the Township Website. Mr. Guarino noted the CEO's of the four area hospitals will meet in an effort to secure the long-term commitment of the hospitals and financial support for the GMPHP.

Mr. Guarino discussed The GMPHP has recently been awarded a \$10,000 grant from NJ Prevention Network. Mercer County has been selected as one of the 13 counties awarded. A scan of the Health and environmental ordinance and land use polices will be conducted as well as a determination of disparate population in the county.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding mental health components relating to ending gun violence in schools and communities stressing the importance of education and communication.

Mr. Guarino referenced the Communicable Disease newsletter - winter 2013 for members to share with family and friends.

Mr. Guarino reported on the Flu update stating 722 doses of vaccine were administered. Currently, the Health Department has 60 to 70 doses available. Residents were receptive to the drive-thru flu clinic and approximately 200 doses were administered by nurses and resident physicians training under Dr. Remstein from Capital Health and Board Member Dr. Gertzman. Mrs. Kathy Hill noted the flu came early this year and hit hard. No deaths have been reported as a result of the flu.

Mr. Guarino reported on an undersized lot located on Corrine Drive which has applied for their NJDEP permits and waivers. Applicants have applied for a septic mound system and wetlands waiver permit and if the permits are granted from DEP, the application will be submitted to the Zoning Board for approval.

Mayor Sandom requested input from Advisory committee members regarding a proposed non-profit animal shelter which would be located on approximately 220 acres on Washington Crossing Pennington Road across from the Hopewell Township Municipal building. Mayor Sandom explained we are in the "infancy" stage of planning for a regional animal shelter. At the present time, the property is designated for recreation and open space, and the current agreement with the estate would need to be amended. More to Follow.

January is Radon Awareness Month. Radon kits are available in the Township Health Department for a fee of \$20.00. A mayoral proclamation will be issued at the Twp. committee meeting.

Teen Wellness Day will be held at the Hopewell Valley Central High School on

February 4, 2013.

Hopewell Valley's Night Off is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2013. Hopewell Valley's Night Off is a community-wide initiative to encourage families to kick-back and relax with family. All sports games and practices, classes and homework will be cancelled on this special evening.

Hopewell Valley Safe Home Expo and Come Outside and Play will take place on the weekend of June 8, 2013.

Hopewell Valley Night at Waterfront Park is scheduled for Wednesday June 12, 2013.

The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2013.

There being no further business Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., Mr. Rothwell seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Prassas