TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
April 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Jim Schatzle called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the following statement: "As Chairman and Presiding Officer of this meeting of the Colts Neck Board of Health, I hereby declare that the notice requirements of the New Jersey public meetings law have been satisfied by noticing the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times on January 9, 2026 stating that a regular meeting of the Colts Neck Township Board of Health would be held on April 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Colts Neck Town Hall Annex, 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck. A copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting."

ROLL CALL INDICATED:

PRESENT:	Jim Schatzle, Dr. Boak, Annemarie Delle Donne, Pam Sokoler, Jeff Reisinger, Liz Iacono, Linda Stagliano, Joe Abutel
ABSENT:	Dr. Mark McCollum and John Tobia (Liaison)
ALSO PRESENT:	Tom Frank and Christine Eschert

Meeting Minutes – Jim Schatzle made a motion to approve the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes. This motion was approved by Dr. Boak, seconded by Annemarie Delle Donne and unanimously carried.

Discussion Item – Radon

Special guest and former Chair of the Board of Health (2000-2010), Frank Delle Donne, spoke to the Board about the potential public health significance of radon in the environment. His presentation also educated the Board on what radon is, how to test for it, and ways to remediate it. The Board appreciated Frank taking the time to share his expertise on the subject matter with them.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – There was no new business to discuss.

Health Officer's Report:

- Rabid Raccoon Discovered – A sick raccoon was picked up by the Associated Humane Society on March 23rd near a small feral cat colony in town. It died the next day and was sent to the State Lab for testing and was found positive for rabies.

  The Health Officer contacted one of the cat caretakers at the site and informed them of the situation. They were asked to monitor the other animals for any off behavior or neurological symptoms and told to contact either the Health Dept. or Associated Humane ASAP if they noticed anything unusual. Notice was put on the township website to inform residents of the situation, and to advise them to avoid contact with wildlife.

- Goose “egg” addling – The process of goose egg addling will begin this month with Goose Control Technology at both Town Hall and Bucks Mill Park.

  A “rash” of dead geese turned up in town for a few weeks during an extended cold spell, presumably from the H5N1 Avian Flu virus. Residents were informed to contact the Fish and Wildlife Service if they observed or encountered any clusters of 5 or more deceased wild fowl. Residents were requested to contact the Associated Humane Society if they observed any sick wild fowl in town.

- Proposed Car Club – A proposed Colts Neck car club is slated to replace Becker Hardware. The proposal is starting to go through the planning and zoning review process. Due to the proposed scope of the project, a NJDEP permit for the septic system will likely be needed.

- Annual Right to Know – All annual Right to Know chemical surveys for our public buildings are scheduled to be accomplished on April 15th with the assistance of Rullo & Juillet Associates.

- Retail Food Inspections – All 34 brick and mortar retail food inspections were completed along with 24 temporary food vendors at various venues throughout the 2025 calendar year.

- The food vendors at the Carm’s Farm location were inspected over the last two weeks. The Health Officer also discussed with the owner/management about having adequate hand-washing facilities for guests, as well as the reporting of any animal bites.

- Seasonal Happenings – The Health Department is starting to get busy with both septic system applications/installations, as well as temporary food truck applications and inspections.

Liaison Report – None

Public Comment - None

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Schatzle at 7:58 p.m. and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is May 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Eschert - Secretary