TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
August 4, 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 August 4, 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, Pam Sokoler, Liz Iacono and Linda Stagliano
ABSENT: Dr. Mark McCollum, Annemarie Delle Donne, Jeff Reisinger, Joe Abutel (all excused) and John Tobia (Liaison)
ALSO PRESENT: Tom Frank and Christine Eschert

Meeting Minutes – Jim Schatzle made a motion to approve the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes. This motion was approved by Dr. Boak, seconded by Pam Sokoler and unanimously carried.

Discussion Items – None

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – Proposed New Home – 49 Heyers Mill Road

AJ Garito from Two River Engineering came to the meeting to represent his client and the current owner of the property located at 49 Heyers Mill Road, Colts Neck. Mr. Garito explained to the Board that the existing home is currently vacant and that the owner would like to demolish the house and build a new four-bedroom home. The issue, according to Mr. Garito, is that strict DEP wetland requirements, as well as lot limitations, would make it unfeasible to install the required dual (black and gray water) septic system.

After careful review and consideration of these particular circumstances, the Board made a motion to waive the Township's dual system requirement specific to this unique case. Likewise, the Board acknowledged that the applicant would still need to meet all other requirements outlined in N.J.A.C. 7:9A. The Board agreed and the motion was carried.

Health Officer's Report:

- The Colts Neck Health Dept. will be working jointly with all other health departments in Monmouth County regarding a newly approved grant entitled the Local Public Health Outbreak Preparedness and Response Grant. The total grant is $240,000.00, of which Colts Neck will be

directly receiving $14,250.00 for actively participating in this grant. The grant runs from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The Freehold Area Health Dept. is taking the lead on the grant, with other health departments agreeing to collaborate with them on the planning, coordination, implementation and evaluation of grant activities (e.g. educating school nurses and childcare facilities via newsletters and podcasts; tabletop exercises regarding outbreak situations).

- The library had a total coliform positive result during their routine quarterly well water sampling. During a quick assessment of the outside well, the well head was found to be loose and cracked. After the initial repairs by Pickwick Well Drilling the entire distribution water system was chlorinated and resampled by our licensed laboratory. If we continue to find any continued issues we will conduct further assessments, as needed.

- Drought Update – according to the NJDEP the State is still in an ongoing drought warning. They stated that wetter rain patterns which started in July have improved certain water supply indicators, but prior dry conditions caused by two years of below average precipitation have not yet been overcome, particularly for streamflow and unconfined groundwater.

  The Health Officer has issued well replacement permits for a handful of residents that had no water and/or low water pressure issues. Water conservation is still key!

- Annual Rabies Clinic – Our annual Rabies vaccination clinic is currently scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2026 at Bucks Mill Recreation Area from 9:00am to 10:30am.

- Right to Know – All of our 2025 Right to Know chemical surveys for our public facilities have been submitted into the State reporting system.

- Cyclospora Outbreak – A Cyclospora outbreak involving iceberg lettuce from Central America is still ongoing. Cyclospora is a parasite that can be found on fruits and vegetables and in contaminated water. Over 1,645 confirmed cases have been reported nationwide since May 1st, with Michigan being the hardest hit so far.

  Taylor Farms de Mexico has already voluntarily recalled all potentially contaminated products affecting at least 25 states so far, and affecting products like Marketside brand lettuce sold at Walmart and shredded lettuce served at Taco Bell.

Liaison Report – None

Public Comment - None

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Schatzle at 7:45 p.m. and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is September 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Eschert - Secretary