

Candidate's record not as glossy as we've been told

EDITOR:

In a letter in the Oct. 18 issue of the **Madison Eagle** ("Hoover's experience raises questions in candidacy," page 4), Constance Stober questioned (Republican candidate for the Madison Borough Council) John Hoover's published statements about his performance as President of the Madison Board of Health.

She was right to do so because instead of having five clients and growing as he has been claiming, as of Jan. 1, 2013 the Health Department will have only two clients. The other three have formally indicated that

they will not be renewing their contracts with Madison.

When did Mr. Hoover know this was happening? According to public records:

- Butler notified the Health Department on March 13, and from emails it is clear that Mr. Hoover knew no later than March 19;

- Victory Gardens was next, notifying the Health Department by letter received on May 25;

- Morris Plains initially notified borough

officials by telephone on Aug. 10 and then followed up in writing.

Yet Mr. Hoover has ignored all of this and has continued to boast about his performance as President of the Board of Health.

It is disheartening to me that a candidate for local office would intentionally misrepresent his record. If we cannot trust in what he says during the campaign, are we prepared to trust him as a councilman?

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