

DRAFT – SUBJECT TO BOARD OF HEALTH APPROVAL

MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting

January 26, 2017

Present: Robert Carangelo, Esq.; Dr. Marilyn Ross Cahn; Dr. Andrew Bronin, Kurt Schaffir, Dr. Mark Armstrong, Caroline C. Baisley, Director

Absent: Vick Sandhu, Esq., Julia Chiappetta

Staff: Carol Dixon

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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The minutes of the November 22, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

(Motion: Bronin / Second: Ross Cahn / Vote: 4 in favor - 0 opposed – 1 abstention [Dr. Armstrong was not at the meeting])

Laboratory Service Fee for Radon in Water

While the fee schedule for 2017/2018, which begins on July 1, 2017, had been previously approved, the Radon in Water test is new so no current fee (promotional fee or regular fee) exists. A motion was proposed to add the Radon in Water fees (promotional and regular) to the current fiscal year, beginning January 1, 2017.

(Motion: Bronin / Second: Armstrong / Vote: Unanimous - 5 in favor – 0 opposed)

Department of Health Operational Plan

Ms. Baisley distributed copies of the full Departmental Operational Plan, which is designed for the Board. While the condensed version, which was sent in the Board mailing, is the one that the Town posts on the website, the full version is much more comprehensive. The Operational Plan outlines the mission, the

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mandated services and accomplishments of the Department. Discussion ensued. Ms. Baisley advised the Board to write down any questions they may have regarding each division. Each of the Division/Program heads will be attending future Board meetings and any questions can be addressed in more detail at those meetings.

Other Business

Chairman encouraged Board members to contact him with any special projects that would not increase the workload for Ms. Baisley and her staff, since they are already stretched thin. A good example was the very successful program Dr. Bronin ran last year for educating the staff of hair salons and body care facilities about melanomas.

Chairman advised that the idea of regionalizing Health Departments is gaining momentum at the State level. Discussion ensued. Dr. Cahn, Ms. Baisley and the Chairman will work to draft a letter on behalf of the Board, outlining some of the potential problems with this plan. The letter will be sent to the Town's State Representatives.

A new Director for GEMS has been selected and will be announced shortly. The First Selectman has asked GEMS to look to their contributors to raise money for the new ambulance headquarters. The Director distributed the article that was published in the January 19, 2017 Greenwich Time and agreed to keep the Board posted.

Ms. Baisley gave an update on the drought situation. In spite of the recent rainfall, Greenwich reservoirs are only at 53.1%. While we were at 25.2% and the rain has helped, we are still in a drought situation. Discussion ensued.

There being no further regular business, Dr. Bronin moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:07 PM.

(Motion: Bronin/ Second: Ross Cahn /Vote: Unanimous - 5 in favor - 0 opposed)

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Bronin, M.D.

Secretary