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

Absent: Julia Chiappetta; Dr. Michael Franco

Staff: Carol Dixon; Michael Long; Deborah Travers

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM., stating that he needed to leave a little
before 7 and Dr. Cahn would finish the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 29, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously with a correction to
page 2, Board Project Participation, line 5 replace…inquired again about the nutrition with …inquired
again about the feeding…

(Motion: Schaffir / Second: Ross Cahn / Vote: Unanimous – 3 in favor - 0 opposed – 2
abstentions [Dr. Ailleo and Dr. Bronin were not at the meeting])

BOARD PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dr. Bronin expressed an interest in developing an educational program for body care facility
personnel. Beauticians, barbers, masseurs and aestheticians, when educated regarding skin cancers, have a
unique opportunity to impact people and partner with public health. Dr. Bronin envisions a slide show of
not more than 30 minutes, so that body care professionals have an idea of what to look for. They could
then refer clients to personal physicians if something suspicious is observed. In women, the two anatomic
areas for melanomas with the worst five year survival rate are genitals and scalp. Melanomas in these two
areas go undetected because no one sees them. If one hairdresser spots a melanoma on one scalp, it has the
potential to save a life. Dr. Bronin was encouraged to move forward with the project.

SOIL CONTAMINATION ISSUES – BYRAM PARK PLAYGROUND

DPW conducted site assessments on the property as part of a proposal for a new community pool on
the area known as the Rosenwald property. The property was formerly a quarry that was filled in during
the 1920s when a residence was built as well as the existing pool.
The proposed pool is planned to be against the rock escarpment about 200 feet from the existing pool. As part of the environmental assessment soil samples were taken throughout the area and analyzed.

Sample results indicated elevated arsenic levels in the surface soils and the concentrations decreased with depth – no other contaminants were found. The Rosenwald property, including the existing pool, is now closed off to access until the remediation is complete. Arsenic was not found in the beach sand.

Though arsenic can be naturally occurring, the elevated arsenic levels are in the upper soil layers at the site and it is assumed that the fill used in the 1920s was contaminated with it.

The soil remediation plan was discussed with DEEP, DPH and the Environmental division of the Department of Health. The remediation will consist of removing the top 15” of soil and disposing of it in an approved site in CT. Clean soil will be brought in to replace the soil that was removed.

DPW is currently pursuing funding to build the new pool and for the remediation of the site from the BET.

UPDATE ON POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION OF GREENWICH HOUSING AUTHORITY AND TOWN PROPERTY

The Greenwich Housing Authority had a proposal to add new structures including one for senior housing and renovate the existing buildings at Armstrong Court. The Senior housing that was proposed was to be accessed via Booth Place. As part of the proposal, an environmental investigation was conducted in the area of the senior housing parking lot (November 2014). As a result samples were taken; no elevated levels of contaminants were found. The report is available on the Greenwich Housing Authority website. The Greenwich Housing Authority has since modified their proposal to remove the senior housing building and parking area from the proposal. However, they will go forward with six new buildings along Hamilton Avenue and the renovation of the existing buildings.
In response to an environmental report that was written as a result of samples taken by a resident and noting elevated lead levels in 2012, the Division of Environmental Services took some bare soil samples in the areas of the Armstrong Court playground to verify there was no lead contamination present in accessible areas. All three samples were negative for elevated lead levels.

Senator Blumenthal stated that he would like to meet with all parties to see what could be done. On January 31, 2015, a neighborhood group met with Senator Blumenthal on the corner of Booth Court and Booth Place (Peter Tesei, Drew Marzullo, Amy Siebert and Michael Long were in attendance). The neighbors believe that there is soil contamination on the Armstrong Court property and the Town’s Transfer Station property.

On February 12, 2015 there was an article in the Greenwich Time about the Greenwich Housing Authority posting a No Trespassing sign on their property and the inability of a consultant to take samples on their property.

On February 14, 2015 an article in the Greenwich Time reported that Drew Marzullo was calling for a soil remediation plan for Town properties.

On February 19, 2015 the Division of Environmental Services spoke with a Greenwich Housing Authority representative, who said that the proposed senior housing building and parking lot was removed from the proposed project site because it would have extended their timeline, due to an easement requirement and zoning changes. However, the Greenwich Housing Authority is proposing new housing units (accessible from Hamilton Avenue) and rehabilitating the existing units.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Ross Cahn accessed a COCA (CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity) call on Measles 2015. It included a discussion focusing on Measles complications, which can include encephalitis and death. According to the speaker, subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE) is a rare, usually fatal disease of the central nervous system that results from a measles virus infection acquired earlier in life, and develops 7 to 10 years after a person has measles.
It is particularly important for health care workers to have immunity to measles. The State Department of Public Health has given the Department guidance regarding measles immunity and possible staff immunization.

Dr. Ross Cahn noted the obituary of former Board of Health member, Elaine Suchman who passed away on January 31 at the age of 92. A memorial service will be held at Temple Sholom on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further regular business, Dr. Ailleo moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16 PM.

(Motion: Ailleo / Second: Bronin / Vote: Unanimous - 4 in favor - 0 opposed)

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Ross Cahn, M.D.
Secretary Pro Tem