

Connecticut River Area Health District

Serving the Towns of Clinton, Deep River and Old Saybrook

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Minutes

Monday, November 25, 2013

Regular Meeting of the CRAHD Board of Directors

455 Boston Post Road, Suite 7

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11:00 AM

A. Call to Order

Chairman Dick Smith called the meeting to order at 11:40 am

B. Roll Call

Chairman Smith identified the following as present: Board Member Michael Dunne, Board Treasurer Peter Neff, Director of Health Jim Monopoli, and Chris Collier, Clerk.

C. Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting

Dunne moved, **Smith** 2nd, motion to approve minutes from October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting

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ABSTAIN 1

D. Old Business

- **Status of application for 3rd party reimbursement**

Director Monopoli is in the process of finalizing all applications for submittal

- **Aetna Foundation Grant Application**

The application for the county wide grant for “Bike for Life” has been submitted

As the grant is scheduled to begin in January, an answer should be forthcoming by the end of the year

- **Ordinance Development**

Director Monopoli discussed the need for ordinances for all facilities that are licensed by the District

Monopoli presented drafts to the board for review

Once ordinance reviews and drafts are completed, he will present them again to the board and a public hearing will be scheduled to approve said ordinances

- **Amendment to PH Services Agreement with OSWPCA**

No discussion

- **Regional Pump Out Boat Proposal**

Director Monopoli met with representatives from Old Saybrook, Clinton and Madison for further discussion of the regional boat.

The DEEP contractor's plan is for the first year, an existing boat will be used and possibly replaced with a new boat next year. However, the boat purchase should not come with a cost to the towns. The only potential cost to the towns is 25% annual operation and maintenance that can't be accounted for in in-kind local contributions.

Monopoli has volunteered to be the liaison between the DEEP contractor and the participating towns

E. New Business

- **Borough of Fenwick and CRAHD**

Director Monopoli met with Ethel Davis, Borough of Fenwick Warden and First Selectman Carl Fortuna.

The Borough is entertaining joining the District

After considerable board discussion, consensus was to offer local health services coverage by CRAHD on a contractual basis for the rest of the 2013 – 2014 Fiscal Year

Options can be revisited at the end of the Fiscal Year. Director Monopoli will prepare a contract for services to present to Ms. Davis.

- **Director's Report**

Director Monopoli attended a workshop on hoarding

He also attended a workshop with DEEP on contaminated sites

Monopoli distributed a list of potentially contaminated sites in the District

CRAHD will attempt to map out these sites to be able to make recommendations on well testing for those supplies in close proximity to the contamination.

Discussion was held regarding the handling of lots that have tidal influence and seasonal high ground water to ensure accurate readings for test holes and installation design. In general, lots may have to be looked at on a case by case basis, which is the DPH recommendation at this time.

Director Monopoli recommends ground water monitoring for those lots with indications of seasonal high ground water if testing is not to be accomplished during the period of seasonal high ground water.

A meeting will take place with the WPCA and the WPCA Engineer to discuss the best approach.

A drill for emergency preparedness is being planned for April 2014 which involves local public health staff and volunteers from Mass Dispensing Area 39 and other MDAs in Region 2. An expanded POD set up with station assessments for best practices is planned.

Discussion was held regarding licensing for tattoo artists and parlors. Public Act 19-234 was passed by the Legislature requiring licensing of tattoo practitioners. The licensing requires training. However, the act lacks standards of practice for the operation and facility. Standards need to be established as criteria will be necessary for inspections. If CRAHD chooses to inspect these facilities, an ordinance with standards needs to be developed.

The Board agreed to cancel the December 30 Board Meeting

Board Treasurer Peter Neff informed the board that Mike Neff is now the acting director of information technology for the Clinton Board of Ed. He temporarily replaces John Crovo who left.

He will be meeting with Director Monopoli to complete the necessary projects. All technology questions/problems will now go directly to Mike Neff.

- **Adjournment**

NEFF moved, **DUNNE 2nd**, motion to adjourn at 12:38 PM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Collier

Clerk