

DRAFT December 4, 2019

**Wallingford Board of Health
45 South Main Street, Town Hall
Minutes of December 4, 2019**

Call to Order: 8:38 a.m. by Stephen Civitelli, DOH.

Present: Mayor Dickinson, Dave Juliano, Jeffrey Necio, Len Guercia, Kathy Neelon, Stephen Civitelli, Dr. Delbert Smith

Excused: Isaac Cardona, Melinda Schoen, Daryll Porto

Guests: Anne Bernick (Public Health Nurse)

Minutes from September 4, 2019 were approved as distributed

Directors Report (See attached):

1. **Communicable Illness:** A public flu clinic was held at the Wallingford Library on October 26, 2019. The employee flu clinic took place on October 17, 2019. Between both clinics 87 influenza vaccines were administered. Anne Bernick also noted 2 clinics were conducted at the Fire Department for staff.
2. **School Health:** Kathy Neelon reported there are no pending issues in the schools. Kathy noted the concern around the next legislative session and the religious exemption for vaccinations as it related to the school system.
3. **Environmental:** Stephen stated the Certified Profession Food Manager (CPFM) Course is was held September 16, 2019 with 14 participants. Brittany Nappi was recently certified a Phase II Subsurface Sewage Inspector which helps with response times for contractors as there are now 4 certified staff.
 - o Stephen discussed the EEE/WNV notice that was issued to the community. As EEE may continue to become more prevalent the department is evaluating means to address the issue in the future.
4. **H.O.P.E. Initiative:** The PowerPoint presentation that was provided by Hartford Healthcare was provided to board members. An overview was provided of the program by Stephen noting the new cooperation in potentially referring individuals with substance abuse issues to HOPE for a continuum of recovery care. Stephen stressed the recovery coach that is provided in the program is key to the success of an individual attempting to overcome a substance abuse addiction.
5. **PHEP:** Health Department staff provided 2 CPR/AED certification trainings classes to the Spanish Community of Wallingford. 2 other courses were offered to community members as part of the towns Heart Safe designation.
 - o Stephen attended the EPPI Statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Tabletop Exercise in Branford. Wallingford was well represented by town staff.
 - o Radio Santa is on December 7, 2019 and will be sponsored by the Health Department along with Youth and Social Services and Emergency Management. This continues to highlight the cooperation amongst town departments.
 - o Stephen gave a presentation at the towns LEOP meeting on ESF6 and ESF8 November 26, 2019.
6. **Administrative:** The department submitted the newly revised CT DPH annual report ahead of the December 2 deadline. It was an extensive report and follows public health accreditation and the 10 essential services required to be provided by departments. Stephen stated the office is currently in process of developing the 2019 annual report of services for the town which will be available in the middle of January.
 - o Celebrate Wallingford was discussed as it related to the success of the event. 700 total pumpkins were distributed to the children while parents had time to discuss scope of services by the Health Department and other items of concern, namely EEE.
 - o Stephen noted that Parks and Recreation will highlight the Health Department's offerings for trainings in their program guide. This is a great opportunity for the Health Department and Kenny Michaels (Director of Parks and Rec) has been great to work with on this matter.
 - o Meeting dates for the Board of Health in CY 2020 were proposed and distributed to the board. These dates were provided to town clerk for public posting.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2020

Meeting adjourned 9:40 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen A. Civitelli, RS, MPH
Director of Health