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BOARD OF HEALTH

PROCEEDINGS

PUBLIC HEARING

March 16, 2017

A public hearing on the agency's proposed FY 2017-2018 agency fee schedule and the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget was held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 6:05 pm in the Fireside Room of the Wethersfield Community Center, Wethersfield, CT.

Patricia Checko, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Health, served as the hearing officer. Jane Knotek served as the Recorder for the hearing.

Checko first introduced the members of the Board who were present to receive testimony, and continued to introduce each who arrived after the hearing began:

Judith Sartucci of Rocky Hill, Board Chairman
Carolyn Wysocki of Berlin (via conference call)
Ray Jarema of Berlin
John Aforismo of Wethersfield
Michele Sadlosky of Newington
Deborah Henault of Wethersfield (arrived at 6:09)
Charles K. Brown Jr., Board Secretary-Treasurer/Director of Health

The purpose of the hearing was to seek public comment and suggestions on the FY 2017-2018 proposed agency fee schedule and the proposed budget. Copies of the fee schedule along with the propose budget were made available at the hearing.

A notice of hearing was posted on March 2, 2017 and sent to the Town Clerks in each of the member towns in the Health District – Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield -- and was also published on March 2, 2017 in the Hartford Courant in editions serving each member town. The notice of hearing, proposed fee schedule and budget were also posted on the Health District website and were available at the CCHD headquarters in Wethersfield.

Checko entered the hearing notice, the proposed fee schedule and proposed annual budget into the hearing record. She then provided instructions to the audience for providing testimony.

Brown gave a brief statement regarding the proposed changes in the user fee schedule and in the proposed budget for FY 2018 and how it will affect the health district financially. Checko then invited members of the public to come forward to address the Board.

Jeff Leduc of Berlin, CT, owner of Praline's Ice Cream in Rocky Hill, stated he understands the need for the fee increases as he is a business man himself. He came to get insight on what occurs at a Central Connecticut Health District public hearing. Brown as Director of Health, thanked Leduc for coming and his comment.

Checko stated that no written comments have been received. She thanked those who attended the hearing and shared their thoughts and suggestions. She advised the public participants that copies of the proceedings of this hearing will be made available on the CCHD website by Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and may also be requested from CCHD headquarters.

Checko declared the public hearing closed at 6:35 pm.

Public hearing was reconvened at 6:43 PM.

Robbin and Herb Jackson from Wallingford, CT, small business owner selling Kettle Corn arrived to discuss the fees charged for temporary events in the Health District.

Robbin Jackson spoke against the temporary event fee stating she would like to see lower charge or a change in the fee schedule to reflect their type of business, specifically a "tent to table" operation. She stated that they also incur other fees to enter a temporary event. Checko stated they raise an interesting point of minimal risk to the public. Brown stated that different locations would be the concern. Sartucci stated this was timely as the Health District was looking at revision of its Sanitary Code and this could be addressed under the sanitary code. Checko thanked the Jacksons for their comments.

Checko declared the public hearing closed at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles K. Brown, Jr., MPH,
Board Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Health

Reviewed and accepted by the Board: _____