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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

### **PROCEEDINGS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**April 28, 2016**

A public hearing on the agency's proposed FY 2016-2017 Fee Schedule was held on Thursday, May 28, 2016, by the Board of Health at 6:01 pm in the Wethersfield Community Center, Room S2, Wethersfield, CT.

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

Nasinnyk 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  
Pat Checko of Berlin, Board Vice-chairman (arrived at 6:05 pm)  
Ray Jarema of Berlin (arrived at 6:05 pm)  
Margaret Hanbury of Newington (arrived at 6:07 pm)  
Jerilyn Nagel of Newington (arrived at 6:04 pm)  
Michele Sadlosky of Newington (arrived at 6:04 pm)  
Charles K. Brown Jr., Board Secretary-Treasurer/Director of Health

The purpose of the hearing was to seek public comment and suggestions on the proposed agency fee schedule for FY 2016-2017. Copies of the fee schedule along with the board fee policy were made available at the hearing.

A notice of hearing was posted on April 8, 2016 and sent to the Town Clerks in each of the member towns in the Health District – Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield -- and also published on April 12, 2016 in the Hartford Courant in editions serving each member town. The notice of hearing, proposed fee schedule and board fee policy were also posted on the Health District website and were available at the CCHD headquarters in Wethersfield.

Nasinnyk entered the hearing notice, the proposed fee schedule and board fee policy into the hearing record.

Nasinnyk provided instructions to the audience for providing testimony and advised those present the hearing was being recorded. Brown gave a brief statement regarding the reasons for the public hearing and how it effects the health district financially. Nasinnyk then invited members of the public to come forward to address the Board.

James Hunter of Rocky Hill, CT owner of Rita's Ice Cream, also in Rocky Hill, spoke against charging for temporary events held in the district. He felt that since he already has a food service license he should not have to pay for temporary events. Hunter stated that he participates in events in the community and in some events his proceeds go back to the sponsoring community organization. He would like to continue to support the community, however this extra cost is deterring him from doing so. He felt that the community would suffer due to the fee increase and asked the board to reconsider the fee for temporary events.

John Kocur of Wethersfield, CT owner of Cove Deli in Old Wethersfield, agreed with what James Hunter had stated. Kocur stated that the local Chamber of Commerce also charges a fee to participate in Chamber events. He stated he has lived in Wethersfield his whole life and enjoys supporting community activities in Wethersfield, however he cannot continue to participate in these events if he loses money.

Brown as Director of Health, thanked Hunter and Kocur for coming and advising the board on their opinion. Sartucci pointed out that the Board's fee policy states that fees can be waived with a written request to the Director of Health.

Nasinnyk stated that no written comments have been received. She thanked those who attended the hearing and shared their thoughts and suggestions on the fee schedule. She advised the public participants that copies of the proceedings of this hearing will be made available on the CCHD website by Tuesday, May 2, 2016 and may also be requested from CCHD headquarters.

Nasinnyk declared the public hearing closed at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Reviewed and accepted by the Board: \_\_\_\_\_