

Wallingford Board of Health
Town Hall, Rm. 205
Minutes of January 21, 2009

1. Call to Order: 8:40 a.m. by Eloise Hazelwood, DOH

Present: Eloise Hazelwood, David Juliano, Kathy Neelon, Dr. Smith

Absent: Mayor Dickinson, Dr. Mullin, Dr. McGaughey, Dolly Parisi, Ellen Phillips

Guests: Ginny Stewart, Wlfd VNA

2. Review of Minutes from September 17, 2008 approved as distributed.

3. Director's Report: Distributed

4. Discussion of Director's Report (DR) dated January 21, 2009

Health Statistics:

a. School Health, Kathy Neelon: Three school nurses attended the recent CT DPH TB seminar. Discussion on CT DPH policy on TB Prevention. Given the nature of the illness, response is contingent on information gathered during the epi. investigation. The ultimate goal is to identify those exposed to an infectious case, prevent additional cases and possibly identify the index case. All agreed that 1 case represents MANY hours of education and intervention.

b. Wallingford health data reviewed. The category of MRSA now extrapolated to show MRSA not a new community issue, majority of cases are from patients in LTCF. Dr. Smith commented on his long experience with MRSA. Our goal is to ensure the public does not over react to such diagnosis. Discussion concerning how laboratory findings are reported.

c. Ginny Stewart stated that the WLFD VNA has a newly assigned RN to assist in the tracking of communicable disease and to provide follow-up as needed.

Review of Annual Report:

a. Discussion concerning public pools and compliance with the Federal Safety Act and drain covers. All indoor pools are currently in compliance except the Y pool as an approved drain cover is not commercially available. CT DPH is aware of the extenuating circumstance as it is not unique to Wallingford. All outdoor pools must comply prior to the new pool season.

b. Discussion concerning the increased complexity of complaints although total numbers appear to be constant over the past few years, the time dedicated to complaints has increased.

Review of Town Charter, Chapter XI, section 2:

The Town Charter Revision Committee is currently reviewing all sections. Discussion concerning potential changes, if any. It was recommended that line 38 be changed to reflect that the BOH advises the DOH, and subsequently the Mayor in the absence of a DOH. DOH will forward the recommendation to the Town Attorney per her request.

Budget:

Discussion concerning upcoming budget. DOH stated each line item will be scrutinized in order to adhere to directive from the Mayor (no increase including accounting for contractual raises).

Other Business:

- a. Dr. Smith noted that the BOH meeting announcement was in the local paper. Last meeting was not listed although it was posted in the Town Clerks office.
- b. Dr. Smith asked about the requirement to publish meeting minutes. DOH stated that BOH minutes are included in the requirement and that the September minutes were forwarded as required.
- c. Follow-up on Litter Ordinance. The Health Dept has not received a complaint specific to cigarette butts, DOH unsure if Police Dept have been receiving complaints. Both departments are listed as enforcement agencies.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2009

7. Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise E. Hazelwood
Director of Health