

**Wallingford Board of Health  
Town Hall, Rm. 205  
Minutes of June 15, 2010**

**1. Call to Order:** 8:37 a.m. by Eloise Hazelwood, DOH

**Present:** Mayor Dickinson, Kathy Neelon, Dolly Parisi, Ellen Phillips, Dr. Smith (Medical Advisor), Rose Zolnik, Eloise Hazelwood

**Excused:** David Juliano, Dr. Mullin

**2. Review of Minutes** from January 20, 2010 approved as distributed.

**3. Director's Report:** Distributed and Discussed (separate attachment)

(1) Health Statistics:

- a. First quarter data reviewed. Discussion on incidence of Lyme Disease. Eloise stated one of the department's goals is to focus on the demographics and risk/exposure of those with positive lab results and attempt to assess if illness is acute or chronic; and to develop a community education program.
- b. Discussion concerning the newly implemented CT DPH electronic disease surveillance system MAVEN (security, access to data, training, and content).
- c. School Health: Kathy Neelon, School Nurse Coordinator reported total reporting of Influenza like Illness (ILI) and H1N1 cases less than previous years for seasonal influenza; increase was noted in November.
- d. Kathy Neelon stated the school system is collaborating as part of the RWJ grant to incorporate healthy initiatives in support of increased nutrition and wellness within the community.

(2) Environmental:

- a. Discussion concerning the rationale for proposed revision language governing septic systems. Eloise provided a brief summary of the science of soil testing and the intent of defining sewer availability; additional discussion is required.
- b. DEP requirement for food establishments to address Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) is being enforced by Sewer Dept. Health Dept has been working with both restaurants and Sewer Dept to facilitate compliance.
- c. Brief discussion concerning non profit food vendors; health department provides basic food handling training to volunteers at larger events.

(3) Health Promotion:

- a. Brief discussion on Community Health Survey results: It was clarified that although 82% of those surveyed indicated the Town should provide flu/immunizations; the questions did not state “provide free”; the results may also have been influenced by H1N1 activity.
- b. The “Fast Food Free” zone idea was discussed; Health Dept currently mapping existing locations of those food establishments with drive-thru and convenience stores; mapping will also show location of places children congregate (parks, schools, etc.). Wallingford zoning already addresses location of retail in the community.

(4) Preparedness:

- a. Brief discussion concerning the differences in CERT and MRC, both are volunteers but Medical Reserve Corp does not require the 40 hour training.

**New Business: Budget**

- a. Ellen Phillips, Wlfd VNA, will continue to host the WIC program as Beth Vumbaco, City of Meriden (regional contracted WIC provider) declined relocation. This will result in an additional \$3,840/yr savings to the Town.
- b. Ellen agreed to distribute a letter summarizing the change of service locations to those residents who will be impacted; Wlfd VNA will continue to provide service to those clients who have insurance.

**Next Meeting:** Director’s Report listed proposed date as November 2010 corrected to Oct 2010

Previous discussions the meeting was going to be reduced to semi-annually but given the change in the delivery of Community Services, it will be held quarterly for this FY.

Meeting adjourned: 9:40 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise Hazelwood, RS, MPH  
Director of Health