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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES TOWN HALL, LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM AND WEBEX AUGUST 3, 2021

Special Meeting:

Ms. Politis called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Present: Board Members - Elliott Colasanto, Anne Maire Conaty, Joseph Marino, Charlotte Politis, Mark Sciota; Via WebEx/Phone: John Barry -- Staff – Shane Lockwood
Absent: Edward Bailey, Robert Lee

Approval of minutes – Motion made to approve minutes from April 22, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Comments by the Vice Chair.

Ms. Politis thanked Mr. Lockwood for being prepared in advance and for doing a great job.

Report by the Director of Health.

Financial Update: Financially the department is in good shape even with the 50% reduction of the renewal fees and new businesses. Mr. Sciota asked for a cost analysis for the December meeting.

Mr. Lockwood- stated that the per capita was raised from \$1.85 to \$2.60 and that this year it is fully funded. This year the budget for per capita is \$170,000.00 typically it is \$120,00.00, the \$50,000.00 difference will be used to fund a part-time nursing position (18 hours per week at \$35.00 per hour). This position will assist in the increase in services.

COVID Update: Mr. Lockwood stated that New England and New Jersey are not seeing the same issues as the country due to high vaccination rates. Connecticut’s vaccination rate is 70%. 63% of the counties in the U.S. are below 40% vaccinated.

July 2021 there were 30 cases compared to 20 in July 2020.

Mr. Lockwood has resumed COVID calls with the Town, Superintendent of Schools and the Police/Fire Departments and is currently spending 75% of his time on COVID. The department has plenty of supplies on hand.

Program Update: Inspections have started and the sanitarians are doing a great job.

Mr. Lockwood reported that a mosquito tested positive in Middlefield for West Nile Virus. Currently there are collection sites in Southington and Middlefield. A Press Release was sent out on August 3, 2021 regarding this information and will be posted on the Middlefield and Southington websites.

Old Business, UPSEU Contract: A summary of the contract was provided to Mr. Sciota, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bailey, Shipman and Goodwin. The contract is effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022. Mr. Sciota stated that the contract is standard and the Town contracts as were used as guidance. The Health Districts contract is a little more generous regarding salary and insurance premium share.

Mr. Barry questioned the clothing allowance for the sanitarians, Mr. Lockwood explained that they inspect restaurants that can be greasy and dirty.

The Administrative Assistant salary was reduced - position is no longer the bookkeeper.

Mr. Scotia made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:21 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. Politis.

Executive Session ended at 5:35 p.m. and Special Meeting resumed.

Mr. Sciota made the motion to vote on the UPSEU contract, motion carried and all were in favor.

Motion made to close the meeting by Mr. Sciota at 5:41 p.m. Mr. Colasanto seconded the motion.

Next Meeting scheduled for December 9, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bennett