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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES **VIRUTAL WEBEX MEETING** **DECEMBER 17, 2020**

Call to order at 5:36 pm.

Present: Board Members -Edward Bailey, John Barry, Elliott Colasanto, Robert Lee, Kelly Morrisey, Charlotte Politis, Mark Sciota;
Staff – Shane Lockwood

Absent: Joseph Marino

Comments by the Vice Chair.

Rough year, Shane has done a spectacular job.

Meeting minutes from last meeting not completed, all in favor to table the meeting minutes.

Report by the Director of Health.

Personnel: Amy Scholtz resigned as of December 6, 2020. Bianca Maiorino hired as a new Sanitarian and Lisa Bennett hired as new Administrative Assistant.

Financially in great shape. Mr. Lee asked for analysis if Health Department only charged half the fee cost for this year. Mr. Lockwood agreed it would be pliable – Mr. Lee, Ms. Morrisey, Ms. Politis and Mr. Sciota, agreed to fee reduction. Mr. Lockwood to provide current balance and for July. Mr. Lockwood thanked the Board for extending license expirations to all businesses through February 1st and reducing the fees for the 2021 renewal

Mr. Lockwood will prepare the budget prior to the March 11, 2021 meeting.

Inspections are mainly completed over the phone unless they are housing complaints regarding heat with children.

COVID19 discussion: cases in December will be higher then in November, wave to end mid-January. Masks and social distancing, limit gatherings – Connecticut is in a better place then most States. Discussed ability to fine up to \$10,000.00, if there is an issue Health Department and Police Department work with Licensee to avoid infractions.

Vaccines were delivered to Connecticut on Monday, December 14th. The CDC set up the groups for distribution. Mr. Lockwood is working with town on distribution and

setting up a clinic– Health Care, Frontline workers and Assisted Living will be among the first to receive. 50 to 65% may take the vaccine, minor side effects one to two days after. Mr. Bailey asked about the observation of those receiving the vaccine – Mr. Lockwood stated that those who have had a no reactions to vaccines are observed for 15 minutes while those that have had a reaction are observed for 30 minutes. CDC tracks adverse reactions.

Unlike the flu vaccine no one but the Federal Government owns the vaccine. CDC sets priority group for the Nation, Connecticut has advisory groups but cannot change on local level. Vaccines will go to Nursing Homes, CVS and Walgreens. Currently all COVID19 vaccines are approved for emergency use.

Mr. Bailey received a letter regarding the Corona Virus relief fund, Mr. Lockwood is checking into this. Mr. Lee commented that it is a lump sum that could be provided to Health Districts, Mr. Sciota is requesting funds on Friday, should receive in two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bennett