

## MINUTES

Advisory Board of Health (ABH)

March 11, 2015

7:00pm – Town Hall Room 213

Present: Cunningham (Chair), Cara (Vice-Chair), Knauf (DHD), Matthiesen

Excused: Patrick, Geddes

Approval of September, 2014 minutes – unanimous

1. Appointment of 2015 Officers

No changes to officer ranks. Cunningham chair, Cara vice chair

2. Darien Board of Health Update

- Staff Update – Mindy Chambrelli passed the registered Sanitarian Exam
- “Keeping up with Elaine,” proposed fitness/wellness initiative – Staff for DHD has agreed to be part of online fit program based on the fitness habits of Elaine Kilbourne. Will be set to an online social media account scheduled to launch in April
- Odor Complaints on Raymond Rd – Unique to weather conditions impacting two homes in town, smell of hydrogen sulfide from the nearby catch basins. As soon as sun shines on water odor goes away, levels have been measured and source has been identified. This an ongoing issue, particularly at this time of year
- Report on Health Fair – September 27<sup>th</sup> at Mather Center - 21 exhibitors in varied services. 78 doses of flu vaccine given out at that time. Will have another fair next year, probably in November. Preliminary meeting will be scheduled to coordinate logistics for next year.
- Flu Prevention Program - 4 Additional Clinics throughout the flu season (3 at Mather Center) – 2 @ Senior Center, Vote & Vax, Employee – 203 total, Online Scheduler – 52 doses scheduled appointments
- Reportable Diseases Update – 58 reportable cases of flu in this year, 33 last year
- Ebola Report – State DPH alerted Darien health officials that a resident had recently traveled to an effected country. Potential traveler was never symptomatic and did not have Ebola and was not at high exposure risk
- Proposed Well Water Testing Program for Pesticides (with DPH) – Approached by State of CT Health Dept. to survey and test for Chlordane & Dieldrin (associated with the investigation in Stamford) in well water as a part of a study
- Food Protection Program - “Food Safety Training Solutions” new on-line training program in 6 various languages, in addition to in-house training offered by DHD. Healthy menu initiative update -
- Current status of inspections – Suspension Notices Discussion, 2 facilities are currently under suspension orders, which require training. Otherwise, all our inspections are up-to-date. Issues with itinerant vendors i.e. food trucks - two of three licensed Darien vendors cook at home which is against regulation. Copies of approved food source certificates have been requested from the vendors
- Proposal for a “reinspection fee” - Proposed reinspection fee for restaurants and salons:

We have a few establishments that generate the need for considerable reinspection activity. To address this increased effort and time involved in conducting these reinspections, town counsel recommends both a new regulation and a new fee to be approved by ABH and BOS. He recommends a “re-inspection fee” rather than “fines” or “penalty fees” including retraining and tracking compliance will be reviewed. Proposed regulation change will be presented to BOS with approval from ABH

- Holly Pond Water Quality Report from EarthWatch – Pond survey of all catch basins discharging into Holly Pond and water in Holly Pond were analyzed. A small amount of catch basins were identified to have higher bacteria counts which will be followed up on. Overall though, water quality in Holly Pond was very good.
- DEEP Grant Approval for DNA bacteria source tracking for Goodwives River - \$50,000 grant approved by State to type bacteria found in Goodwives River
- Report on Unwanted Drug Collection Program – 2014: 432 pounds of unwanted drugs collected by the box at DPD, over 1,400 pounds of disposed medication total safely disposed of since program inception.
- Appointments to the State Essential 10 Services Committee and to the Water Resource Planning Advisory Committee – Charged with Statewide Coordinated plan for use and re-use for all components of water planning in CT – David Knauf appointed as an alternate to the group.

3. Other Business

None, adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Cunningham  
ABH Chair