



John L. Salomone
Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS

MINUTES

**NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
Conf. Room L-101 (Lower Level) – Town Hall
131 Cedar Street
7:00 P.M.**

October 28, 2014

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Councilor Borjeson
Councilor Castelle
Councilor Cohen - absent
Councilor Dinunzio
Councilor Klett - absent
Councilor Marocchini
Councilor McDonald
Councilor Nagel
Mayor Woods

Staff Attendees:

John Salomone, Town Manager
Charles Brown, Director Central CT Health District
Andy Brecher, Economic Development Director
Jaime Trevethan, Asst. to the Town Manager - Administration
Linda Irish-Simpson, Clerk of the Council

III. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Teacher of the Year – Paul Salonia

Mayor Woods moved the following:

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul M. Salonia a Mathematics Teacher at John Wallace Middle School, has been designated as Newington's 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salonia was selected based upon his exceptional skill and dedication to children and the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salonia is intelligent, a strong communicator, an advocate for all students and a strong believer that public education is the vehicle to prepare all children for participation in our society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salonia is an individual who is poised and articulate, with an outgoing nature and possesses the superior ability to inspire learning in all students.

WHEREAS, Mr. Salonia earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the University of Connecticut, a Masters of Arts in Education at the University of Connecticut and completed additional graduate level education classes at Central Connecticut State University, University of New England and University of LaVerne; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salonia has been teaching in Newington for fourteen years at John Wallace Middle School: from 2000-2002 Mr. Salonia taught grade 5; from 2002-2005 he taught grade 7 math and social studies and since 2005 he has taught grade 8 math and social studies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salonia is dedicated to his students and convinces his students of the importance and relevance of mathematics to their future high school and college experiences as well as their daily lives and he creates an environment that encourages risk taking, participation, accountability and energy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salonia has coordinated many school events for students and families and has been involved in numerous school and town-wide committees, all of which contributed to enhancing the education of our children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Newington Town Council hereby recognizes Paul M. Salonia as Newington's Teacher of the Year and extends its sincere congratulations and appreciation to his dedication and commitment to Newington's children.

Mr. Salonia thanked all for the honor and felt that Newington was the best town and enjoyed every day at work. He felt that all the other teachers in Newington were highly qualified and dedicated to education.

Councilor Dinunzio was honored to have Mr. Salonia selected as Teacher of the Year after having had him for math a number of years ago. He said that Mr. Salonia was a lifelong resident of Newington and now gave back every day to the students he taught. Councilor McDonald and Castelle congratulated him on the honor and felt he was a good representative of all teachers in Newington. Councilor Nagel also congratulated him.

Councilor Marocchini congratulated him and felt it was great that he was born and raised in Newington and was now a Newington teacher. The Mayor indicated his daughter had had Mr. Salonia in math, and he was patient with her and always there for her. He appreciated and respected Mr. Salonia.

Dr. Collins thanked the Town Council for continuing the Teacher of the Year award and indicated the process was never easy. He had previous winners help him during the selection process and felt that Mr. Salonia was a great candidate.

Dave Milardo, Principal of John Wallace: He was proud that Mr. Salonia had been chosen and as a student in Newington he had graduated third in 1994. He excelled at making connections with students and those who weren't popular or well connected at school.

Dr. Finkelstein, 272 Candlewyck Drive: He congratulated Mr. Salonia from the entire Board of Education. He had a great connection with students but more importantly, was nominated by a group of his peers. Mr. Salonia as a math teacher also advocated for music and sports.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Borjeson and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)

(Inaudible name and address): She asked that when the new building committee was considering energy options that solar, eco-friendly, and energy efficient options be considered. The State had classes in the options

and urged someone from the committee to attend the next free session. She also stated that she hoped the committee would not consider property that had any conservation easements attached to it.

Roy Zartarian, 25 Stewart Street: He participated in the recent town wide clean up and wanted to thank everyone who attended on the great job that was done.

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill Avenue: He indicated he was waiting for an answer from Mr. Salomone and the Town Attorney and wondered when he would get it. Mr. Bachand also indicated there was a problem with Church Street that was recently paved. He felt the street was very bumpy and urged the Town to take a look at it to ensure that it was done properly. Mixed signals were being given regarding high density housing, which he was opposed to since it would affect services in Town and schools. He urged a moratorium be put in place until the issue could be resolved. He hoped the building committee would not consider a separate building for Parks and Rec since he felt the building could be renovated using the same footprint that currently existed.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken)

A. Town Hall/Community Center Project

1. Disband the Current Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee

Councilor Castelle moved the following:

WHEREAS, in order to appoint a new Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee, the current Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee must be disbanded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 8-42 of the Newington Code of Ordinances, the Newington Town Council hereby disbands the Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilor McDonald and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

2. Create a New Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee

Councilor McDonald moved the following:

WHEREAS, the Newington Town Council disbanded the existing Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee on October 28, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that in accordance with Section 8-40 of the Newington Code of Ordinances, the Newington Town Council hereby establishes a new Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee, comprised of seven (7) members; of which two (2) shall be representatives of the Town Council and five (5) shall be members of the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that said Committee is charged to work with the Town Manager (or his/her designee) and other appropriate Town staff in the oversight of renovations to the Town Hall, including the Mortensen Community Center, and shall do such work in accordance with Chapter 8, Article X (Project Building Committees) of the Code of Ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Newington Town Council hereby appoints the following members to the Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee:

(To Be Determined)

Note: Public members of the Committee will serve terms of 10/25/14 – indefinite; Town Council members of the Committee will serve terms concurrent with the Town Council term.

Councilor Dinunzio felt there should have been a couple more members allowed from the public on the committee even if only as liaisons to it. There had been a record turnout for the referendum and thought a larger group on the committee would have been a good idea. Councilor McDonald indicated that liaisons might not be as dedicated to the process as full members and thought it was crucial to have members who would attend all meetings as full voting members. Mayor Woods indicated he agreed with the number chosen to be on the committee since in reviewing past committees had found seven was the average number included.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Borjeson and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent)

B. 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

Councilor Marocchini moved the following:

WHEREAS, the Newington Town Council recognizes the threats that natural hazards pose to people and property with the Town of Newington; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington in collaboration with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CROG) has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan known as the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update has identified mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the impacts of future natural hazards and disasters that affect the Town of Newington and the region; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held between March 15, 2012 and October 2, 2013, regarding the development and review of the 2014 – 2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency/ Department of Homeland Security has approved the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update, on condition of local adoption, enabling the Town of Newington to apply for Hazard Mitigation grant funding; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Newington Town Council demonstrates their commitment to achieving the hazard mitigation goals outlined in the Town of Newington's section of the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Council hereby adopts the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.

Councilor Borjeson indicated the number of towns had increased to 38 towns and did great work for all towns included.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

C. CIP Transfer: National Welding Demolition Project

Councilor Borjeson moved the following:

CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with Section 808 of the Town Charter, I hereby certify that there exists, free from encumbrances, in the following appropriations in the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures Fund, the amounts listed below:

<u>Account</u>		
<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
88113	Fenn Road Access Road	\$250,000

Ann J. Harter, Director of Finance

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby transfers the above-certified funds to the following account in the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures Fund for costs related to the demolition and development of the National Welding Property

<u>Account</u>		
<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
88329	National Welding - Engineering Services	\$250,000

Councilor Borjeson indicated National Welding was in the process of being taken down and felt the \$2 million from the State would be money well spent and urged residents to see what was happening on the site.

Councilor Nagel agreed with Councilor Borjeson and felt the expenditure of these monies to ensure contaminants were mitigated from the site was worthwhile. Mayor Woods thanked John Salomone for his foresight in purchasing the property and felt the use of these funds was being put to good use.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Marocchini and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

D. C-PACE Commercial Energy Program

Councilor Castelle moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Connecticut Green Bank for participation in the Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program, a copy of which is attached to this resolution.

Councilor Nagel stated the resolution was good for small businesses in Town and fully supported it.

The motion was seconded by Councilor McDonald and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

E. Alumni Road/Cedar Street State Project – Traffic Study

Councilor McDonald moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes an expenditure not to exceed fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000) from Program 962, Contingency, for engineering services related to a traffic study of the Alumni Road/Cedar Street area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Town Manager is hereby authorized to retain engineering services for the purpose of a traffic study of the Alumni Road/Cedar Street area.

Mayor Woods stated he hoped this study would give the DOT enough information to fix the problem which would be the next step. Councilor Borjeson indicated it was a scary corner with a lot of accidents occurring there. Public safety was a big issue and this was one small step in resolving the issue.

The Town Manager stated this was a different proposal than ten years ago which had included taking land and it was not a bypass road. The approach was much more simplified than in the past. He indicated there would be public meetings on the project as it progressed.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

VI. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS (Action May be Taken by Waiving the Rules)

A. Central CT Health District Update

Judy Sartucci, Chairperson of the Board of the Central Connecticut Health District and Charles Brown, Director of the District gave a presentation on the functions and goals of the group. The presentation is attached.

Councilor Nagel thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation and for clarifying the difference between quarantine and isolation. He indicated the flu was more of a concern on a daily basis than Ebola since many people die each year from it. Councilor McDonald and Councilor Borjeson welcomed Mr. Brown to Newington and wished him success in his position. Councilor Borjeson also thanked the volunteers for the work they do in the District.

B. Amendment to the Administrative Group Classification and Pay Plan

Mr. Salomone stated that he would be seeking at the next meeting a 3% increase for administrative, technical, department heads and all who were not covered under other contracts. Department heads had been reviewed and evaluated and some of the increases would be variable depending on the results of the particular evaluation. The money had been allocated in the current budget.

Councilor Borjeson indicated he wanted to have the Town Manager's evaluation completed in time so that he would not have to wait as long as last year for the process to be completed.

**C. Consideration of Amending the November Town Council Meeting Schedule
(Action Requested)**

1. Cancel November 4 and November 25, 2014 Regular Meetings

Councilor Borjeson moved to waive the rules to act on the cancellation of the November 4 and 25, 2014 meetings and setting the date of November 18 as the new date. The motion was seconded by Councilor McDonald and the motion passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

Councilor Borjeson moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby alters its meeting schedule by canceling its regular meeting scheduled for November 4, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

Councilor Borjeson moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby alters its meeting schedule by canceling its regular meeting scheduled for November 25, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Marocchini and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

2. Schedule a Special Meeting for November 18, 2014

Councilor Borjeson moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby schedules a special meeting for November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to address regular Council business.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Dinunzio and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

VII. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)
A. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Councilor Borjeson moved the following:

RESOLVED; that the Newington Town Council hereby appoints the following members to the Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee:

Name	Address	Party	Term
Public Member: Rodney Mortensen	53 Meadowview Court	U	10/29/14 – Indefinite
Public Member: Alan Bongiovanni	170 Barn Hill Lane	D	10/29/14 – Indefinite
Public Member: Walter Przech	24 Forest Drive	U	10/29/14 – Indefinite
Public Member: Jane Murphy	261 Main Street	D	10/29/14 – Indefinite
Town Council Rep.: James Marocchini	75 Michael Lane	D	NTC Term

The motion was seconded by Councilor Castelle and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent)

VIII. TAX REFUNDS (Action Requested)

Councilor Marocchini moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$1,369.88 are hereby approved in the individual amounts and for those named on the “Requests for Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes,” certified by the Revenue Collector, a list of which is attached to this resolution.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel and passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

IX. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Action Requested)
A. Regular Meeting, 10/14/14

Councilor Nagel asked that a comment he made be added to the minutes regarding the fact that the Fire Department Commission meeting minutes of August 25 were more like agenda items and an explanation of what went on at the meeting.

He made a motion to accept the amended minutes and it was seconded by Councilor Borjeson. The motion passed 6 – 1 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent; Councilor Castelle-abstained)

X. WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, OTHER TOWN AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC

None

XI. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Castelle attended a special meeting of the Pension Benefits Committee and indicated funds in the amount of \$12 million had been moved to the Metropolitan West Fund since the co-founder of the Pimco fund had resigned. There was no urgency to make the move but wanted to ensure there were no liquidity issues in the future. He also indicated the Health Benefits credit to the Board of Education had been received in the amount of approximately \$470k, which would allow Dr. Collins to purchase individual laptop/tablets for each student.

Councilor Dinunzio was pleased with the ability of the financial advisors to answer any questions regarding the fund transfer and felt for safety it was important to do the transfer of funds.

Councilor McDonald indicated the negotiations regarding the teachers' contract had been finalized and there would be a special Board of Education meeting on Wednesday to review it as well as the parents concern regarding the celebration of Halloween. There had been some misunderstanding regarding Halloween and wanted to ensure parents that Halloween had not been cancelled. The schools were recognizing the diverse nature of the community and the fact that some did not celebrate Halloween which originally had religious connotations.

Councilor Borjeson reported on the Housing Survey recently sent to residents. There had been some mailers that did not include the actual survey but got two cover letters instead. He was going to get the survey to those still in need. The survey started out as a senior housing survey, and it was decided to include the entire Town to determine the larger need. He wanted to ensure everyone it was not for low income/high density housing around the Busway but would be a mixed use development. The other concern was that Newington would not have control of the project and development, which he indicated was not the case.

Councilor Nagel indicated there had been no tape of the housing survey meeting but assured everyone there would be minutes to the meeting made available to the public.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)

Sarah Jorgensen, 35 Florence Street (via telephone): She was concerned about the moving of the pension funds to Metropolitan West so quickly and what was the cost.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Street: She was concerned regarding Mill Brook and Piper Brook having to be redone by EPA because of the danger of losing certification as a flood structure. She had expressed her concern 6 – 8 years ago about the situation. By having all the agencies work together to develop one workable plan she hoped that the clean up would be done thoroughly so it would not have to be redone in the future.

Maddy Kenny, 53 Crestview Drive: She stated the P and O were missing from the Police sign and hoped it would be quickly replaced. She was pleased with the civil discussion regarding the Building Committee members and urged residents to go to the meetings to speak and ensure they understood the project prior to the actual vote on it. Ms. Kenny wanted to know when the meetings would be held, what time and if they would be publicized to the public.

Scott Greczkowski, 46 Miami Avenue: He recently had the Governor on his radio show and discussed the Busway housing and Halloween. The Governor felt it would be best for Newington if the area was commercially developed. Regarding Halloween the Governor stated that people had been coming to the United States for years with our traditions and they either learned to accept these traditions or if they don't want to participate, they did not have to. Mr. Greczkowski felt that it was important for the kids to be kids and it was unfortunate the Town was sanitizing the holiday. He asked if Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day or Veterans' Day would be the next to be eliminated.

John Slusarski, 40 Grandview Drive: He was concerned about the unfunded pension liability. He indicated that in a large bear market the Town's unfunded liability went up 2.7% on a market value basis and 6.5% on an actual unfunded basis. He was troubled the Council had not been talking about this. Mr. Slusarski said they were obligated to fully fund the Police union plan by 2025, which was scary. He did not have a problem with high density housing since the Town needed people to support retail and there was plenty of room in the schools.

Dana Havens, 113 Stoddard Avenue (via telephone): She indicated it was the newspapers that stated Halloween was cancelled in Town. (rest of comment inaudible)

Havital Miltz, 168 Nichelson Street: She was concerned about the unfunded pension money being moved to a bond fund when bonds were not going in a good direction. The development of high density housing around the busway would stress services like police and schools and was not in favor of it. She wanted clarification on whether the building committee would be looking at renovating the existing building or building a new building.

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill Avenue: He was concerned about the bumpy pavement in Town and was looking for an answer from the Town Manager regarding it. He said the area of concern was around the so-called soil-gate activity area. Mr. Bachand did not want to see low income housing developed in the area of the busway but felt that senior housing would be OK. He stated that the plans he had looked at indicated a large housing project. He felt the Town should have a moratorium on building high density housing in the busway area. He said that the unfunded pension fund was a concern even though the Town Manager stated the Town was in great fiscal shape.

Jeff McLain, 18 Sixth Street: He offered his services to the Building Committee as President of McLain Electric and Vice President of the Connecticut Solar Electric.

XIII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Castelle stated there had been discussion in the pension meeting regarding the mix of bonds and equities. There was no rush to change the funds since the discussion had been ongoing before the resignation of the manager. Newington has the highest rating and welcomed anyone in the public to attend the meetings.

Councilor McDonald stated again that it was not uncommon for Towns to change the celebration of Halloween during the school day but did not affect after school activities.

Councilor Dinunzio stated housing was a big issue and people had legitimate concerns regarding new development since services would be affected by high density housing.

Councilor Marocchini indicated he attended a recent Fire Department training session which was excellent. He congratulated the volunteers for their time and efforts.

Councilor Borjeson indicated that affordable housing was developed at 80% of market value and 20% income based, which was \$50k or lower in Newington.

Councilor Nagel had 1) also attended the Fire Department training and agreed they did an excellent job 2) had participated in the town wide clean up at Mill Pond and appreciated everyone's efforts 3) encouraged the public to attend or call in during the Council's meetings at 860-665-8736 4) urged everyone to vote in November.

Mayor Woods encouraged everyone voting to bring a food item for the Food Bank. He stated at the first meeting the Building Committee would appoint a chair as well as determine dates and times of future meetings. He asked Mr. Salomone to look into the inclusion of solar energy options since the public had expressed an interest in adding this to the new building. Mr. Salomone indicated he would do so but explained the initial costs would be higher and was one of the reasons it was excluded in the initial plan. The Mayor thanked everyone who participated in the cleanup day. He stated the development in the busway area might include some housing but did not think it would include low housing projects. Mayor Woods indicated he would look into Piper Brook since he did not know a lot about it. As to unfunded pensions, it was not being ignored and a plan was in place. The paving issue near Church Street was known and Mr. Salomone indicated the project had not been accepted by the Town. Until the Town was satisfied with the job, the contractor would have to make it acceptable. The Mayor

stated Halloween had not been cancelled by the Town but only a parade at the elementary schools was cancelled.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Borjeson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. and was seconded by Councilor Marocchini. The motion passed 7 – 0 (Councilors Cohen and Klett-absent).

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Irish-Simpson
Clerk of the Council

Att.

Central Connecticut Health District ANNUAL UPDATE TO OUR MEMBER TOWNS



Presented by
Charles Brown, Director of Health

General Information

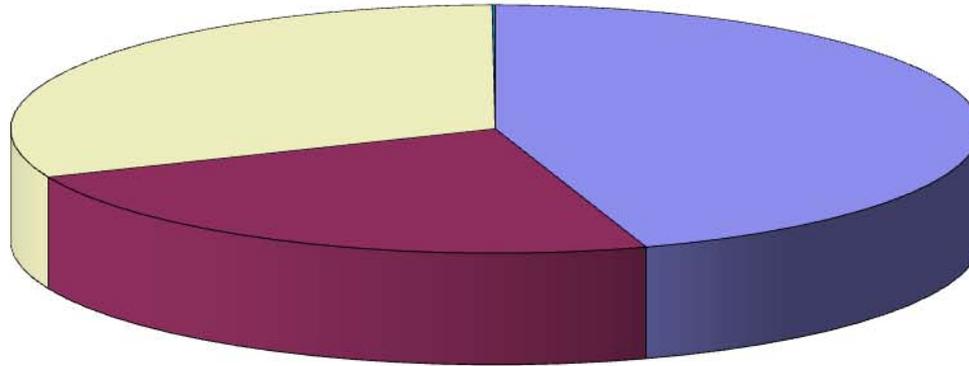
- ▶ We are the local health department for the towns of Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield and serve a combined population of nearly 98,000
 - ▶ One of 21 regional public health departments in CT
 - ▶ 18 years of providing a broad range of public health services
 - ▶ Oversight from an 13-member Board of Health made up of the Director of Health and Board Members appointed by the member towns, based on population
 - ▶ 8 FT employees and 3 PT employees in 5 offices – in each town hall and in the Newington Senior and Disabled Center
 - ▶ Over 50 active professional and lay volunteers
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FY 2013-14

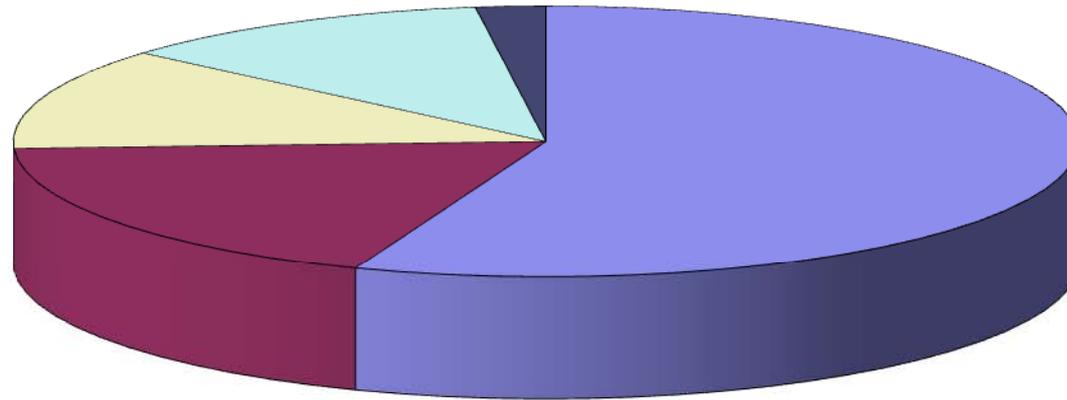
<u>Total Revenue</u>	\$1,010,223
Town Contributions (@ \$4.69 per capita);	\$454,367
Program Revenue;	\$238,999
Grants (Federal, State, Other);	\$315,868
Interest Income;	\$989
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$1,039,848
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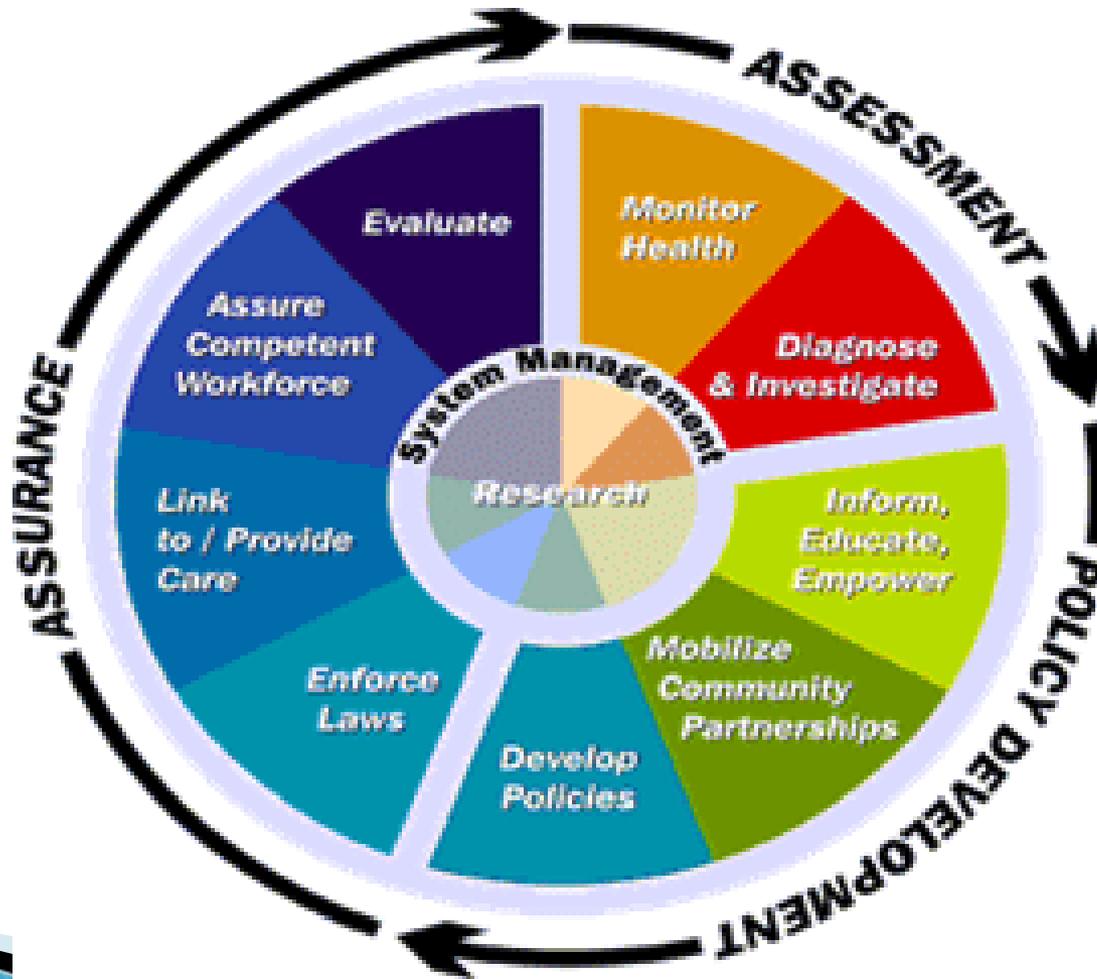
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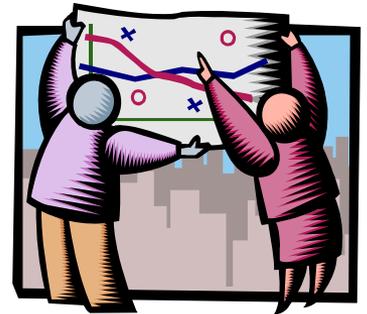
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Ten Essential Public Health Services



CCHD Strategic Plan 2011-2014

- Goal I Promote healthy natural and built environments that protect human health and safety
- Goal II Develop and implement health promotion initiatives that support good health at each stage of life
- Goal III Ensure internal readiness to anticipate, recognize, and respond to public health threats and emergencies
- Goal IV Improve and maintain the quality of services provided
- Goal V Strengthen agency infrastructure



I. PROMOTE HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

- ✓ Inspection and regulation of over 700 licensed facilities including food establishments, public pools, motels, salons and child day care centers
- ✓ Inspection and regulation of private wells and septic systems
- ✓ Investigation of public health complaints such as food borne outbreaks, substandard rental housing, rodent/insect infestations, air/water pollution, etc.



II. SUPPORT GOOD HEALTH AT EACH STAGE OF LIFE



Influenza/Pneumonia Prevention

- Seasonal flu clinics
- Visits to the homebound

Injury Prevention

- Child car seats and bike helmets use

Senior Health Promotion

- Dental screening and cleanings

II. SUPPORT GOOD HEALTH AT EACH STAGE OF LIFE (continued)

Environmental Asthma Control

- Putting on AIRS Program



Chronic Disease Prevention through System Change

- ACHIEVE Initiative
 - ✓ Physical Activity
 - ✓ Nutrition
 - ✓ Tobacco Control



III. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS/EMERGENCIES

- ✓ Communicable disease reporting and investigation
- ✓ All hazards response planning
- ✓ Continuity of operations planning
- ✓ Staff and volunteer training and preparedness



III. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS/EMERGENCIES (continued)

- ✓ Flu clinics are used and conducted as drills
- ✓ Environmental response and sheltering issues
- ✓ Preparation to respond to infectious diseases in our communities



Ebola Overview

- ▶ Ebola, is a type of hemorrhagic fever, and is a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with one of the Ebola virus strains. Ebola viruses are found in several African countries. Ebola was first discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The natural reservoir host of Ebola virus remains unknown. However researchers believe that the virus is animal-borne and that bats are the most likely reservoir.
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Ebola Overview

- ▶ Fever (greater than 101.5°F)
- ▶ Severe Headache
- ▶ Muscle pain
- ▶ Weakness
- ▶ Diarrhea
- ▶ Vomiting
- ▶ Abdominal pain
- ▶ Unexplained hemorrhage
- ▶ Direct contact with body fluids of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola
- ▶ Direct contact with objects contaminated with the virus
- ▶ Direct contact with Infected animals

Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure to Ebola, but the average is 8-10 days

Symptomology

Route of Transmission

State Update

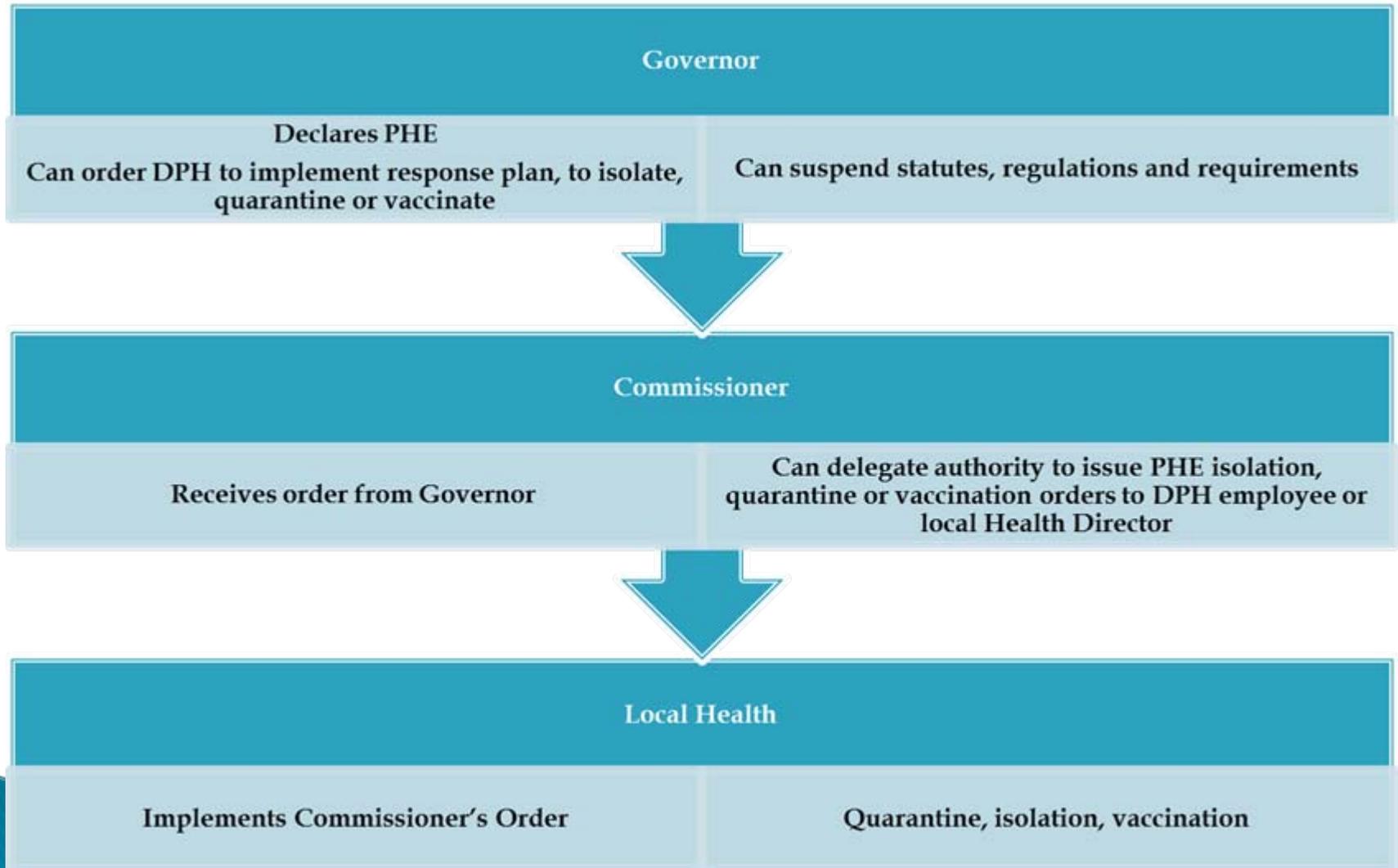
- ▶ Coordinating activities statewide for public health and healthcare system partners.
 - ▶ Coordinating Epidemiology activities statewide
 - ▶ Authorizing suspect cases for laboratory testing at CDC
 - ▶ Technical Assistance for Q&I, Contact Tracing
 - ▶ Enhancement of MAVEN database to log Ebola related patient activity
 - ▶ Declaration of Public Health Emergency (10/7/14)
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What is a Public Health Emergency (PHERA)

- ▶ Developed post 9/11, concerns smallpox/anthrax
- ▶ Allows Governor to suspend laws and apply for federal assistance
- ▶ Authorizes temporary suspension of license requirements for certain out-of-state healthcare providers
- ▶ Provides personal liability immunity for personnel acting on behalf of the state in a PHE

*****Agencies should begin tracking costs for Ebola prep and response in the event federal dollars open up*****

Overview of PHERA



Quarantine & Isolation

The physical separation and confinement of an individual, *group of individuals, or individuals present in a geographic area** who are exposed to a communicable disease or contamination.
C.G.S. 19a-131(9)

Is the same as quarantine except that it is for those infected not exposed. C.G.S. 19a-131(6)

Quarantine

Isolation

*The italicized language is a significant change from traditional Q & I orders issued by local health directors, limited to one individual at a time. See C.G.S. 19a-221

Conditions and Principals for quarantine or isolation orders

- ▶ Least restrictive means.
- ▶ Separation of those quarantined from those isolated.
- ▶ Monitored.
- ▶ Prompt movement of those infected to isolation from quarantine.
- ▶ Release upon first opportunity
- ▶ Premises maintained in a safe and hygienic manner.
- ▶ To extent possible families together.
- ▶ The needs of individuals addressed in a systematic and competent fashion.
- ▶ To the extent possible cultural and religious beliefs considered.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is finding everyone who comes in direct contact with a sick Ebola patient. Contacts are watched for signs of illness for 21 days from the last day they came in contact with the Ebola patient.

If the contact develops a fever or other Ebola symptoms, they are immediately isolated, tested , provided care, and the cycle starts again – all of the new patient's contacts are found and watched for 21 days. **Even one missed contact can keep the outbreak going.**



IV. IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN QUALITY SERVICE

“**Quality**” in public health is the degree to which everything we do as a public health agency helps people be healthy or influences the conditions in which they can be healthy.



IV. IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN QUALITY SERVICE (continued)



- Implemented Year 3 of our Strategic Plan
 - ❖ Community Health Assessment
 - ❖ Community Health Improvement Plan

- Quality improvement (QI) training
 - ❖ QI Project with Yale Training Center and CCHD team that looked at adequacy of prenatal care for women in our 4 member towns

- Scientific evidence as the basis for our practice, programs and policy-making

V. STRENGTHEN OUR AGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE

Funding

- ✓ Grants
- ✓ New sources of revenue

Technology

- ✓ Digitalize operations
- ✓ Online access for public
- ✓ New website

Workforce

- ✓ Staff recruitment and development
- ✓ Board development
- ✓ Volunteers – recruitment and training
- ✓ Student internship program



The Future ...



- Community health improvement planning
- Use of new tools – health impact assessments (HIA)
- Public access to online restaurant inspection ratings

**“Health care is vital to each of us
some of the time
but public health is vital to all of
us all of the time.”**

Former U.S. Surgeon General

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