

Present: 21 Participants

Terry Adams opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Jody Bishop-Pullan- New Director City of Stamford Health Department

Jody mentioned that environmental health is a big issue that involves:

- Housing
- Septic Tanks & Well approvals
- Restaurants
- Water testing at beaches
- Water testing in schools
- Food Trucks

Currently the Health Department is working on a lot of temporary events.

Question: There are concerns about the aspects of mental health in the City of Stamford, What can be done to bring down the numbers for mental illness, in terms of more counselors or more places to go other than South 1 at Stamford Hospital?

Answer: Mental Health is currently a big issue that is being concentrated on by the Health Department. Ted Jankowski has a Social Worker embedded in the Stamford Police Department so that when calls come in related to mental health they are referred to the Social Worker. The Mayor's Transition team and Community Assessments identified mental health as a major concern. The Health Department is creating alliances for youth mental illness; 40 people are involved along with 20 agencies. These are just a few ideas and they are looking at doing more coordinating.

Question: Is the Health Department involved with noise complaints?

Answer: Yes the Health Department does enforce noise ordinances and work closely with the Stamford Police Department. The Health Department is currently working with establishments to be more in compliance. Currently the process is a written warning, then a fine and if not rectified then the establishment will be at risk of losing their patio permit.

Question: What about Air monitoring?

Answer: Purple air monitors will be placed to measure particulate matter. Residents can go on the website to see the levels.

Question: How will the Health Department oversee the B&S Carting remediation to make sure it is community safe?

Answer: The Department of Environmental Protection should handle air related issues. Depending on what the issues are the Health Department will get involved.

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Jeff Wilcox of DEEP elaborated on environmental remediation stating that air monitoring programs have not been put together but once completed it will be shared with the City of Stamford Health Department. BLT will be having a meeting on Tuesday June 21st @6:00 pm about the remediation on the B&S Carting site.

Question: Have there been any complaints about the O&G odors and dust?

Answer: Jeff Wilcox advised to direct complaints of odors & dust to the Air Bureau at DEEP

Question: Public Parks on Landfills is there any monitoring being done, air monitoring as well as the integrity of the landfill leaching into Long Island Sound?

Answer: The Park was closed and recapped 15 years ago. The edges are becoming exposed along the rock which is being addressed. The City of Stamford should be keeping it maintained and monitored making sure the cap is not being exposed. The last two people from DEEP working on public parks were George Dews and Eugene McGillis.

Tom Barcello-Stamford Police Department mentioned that the Health Department and the Police Department are doing the best they can as it is a work in progress. The Sound Ordinance is outdated as the South End exceeds 62 decibels. The Ordinance needs to be modified to new standards and the city will continue to work on it. Tom also mentioned that in all fairness to the South End industrial businesses which have been around some 50 years pre high risers still have rights to operate their businesses. A common ground needs to be found for an equal balance.

Ted Ferrarone- BLT announced the roll out of their summer events which are free and open to the public. You can see these activities on their web site.

Question: Will another grocery store replace Fairway

Answer: Nothing definitive as of yet but there will be a new restaurant at Dinosaur Barbeque called Tequila Escape

There was mention of a complaint of a landscaping business on Manor Street whose trucks were beeping early in the morning disturbing the neighbors. The owner of the landscaping business was informed and he agreed to turn off the beepers early in the morning as a favor to the surrounding residents in order to be a good neighbor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.