



# Connecticut Environmental Health Association

Meeting: CEHA Board of Directors

Location: Middletown South Fire District, 445 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT 06457

Date: September 11, 2019

Time 12:02 pm

1. Call to order, J. Fletcher, President
  - a. A moment of Silence for those who died in the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York, DC and Pennsylvania, especially the First Responders.
  - b. Additions or Changes to Agenda, none. Motion to accept, P. Amodio, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Kendrick. Passed.
  - c. Introduction of Guests: Tracey Weeks, DPH
  - d. Roll call, attendance sheet attached.
2. President's Report:
  - a. S. Cook has reported on the Yankee Conference/FDA Food Conference combined conference in 2020 and in 2021.
  - b. J. Fletcher commented that the daughter of the Fire Chief at the Middletown South Fire District HQ was enrolled at Southern CT State U and is considering a career in Public Health. Brian commented that New Britain HD offers internships for students.
3. Minutes of Meetings:
  - a. May 2019: Moved acceptance, no changes, C. Motes, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Falkner. Passed
  - b. There was no June meeting.
  - c. July Annual Picnic and Educational Meeting: Moved acceptance, no changes, C. Motes, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Chambrelli. Passed.
  - d. August 2019 meeting, minutes taken and reported by K. Elak. One edit: "no June meeting" (not February). With thanks to Kevin for an excellent job. Motion C. Motes, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Kendrick. Passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: S. Cook, not being present, the report has been deferred to the October meeting.
5. Standing Committee Reports:
  - a. Education: D. Harding. A number of items presented. Needs latest information on future educational projects from members /Board members. Information concerning Body Arts and Personal Services, comments by M. Chambrelli. Next year – additional seminars to plan. March 17<sup>th</sup> seminar on Septic systems? Comments concerning the use of the State Lab for conferences/seminars: no longer available for day meeting. There will be a \$200.00 fee for a 65 seat capacity room at CCSC. Comes with setup by state personnel. Discussion and suggestions for other venues and fees. Other possible subjects: Emergency Preparedness, nuisance complaints, subjects for future seminars: septic issues, others. Information and discussion on the 2020 Yankee Conference (Rhode Island) to be held at the Graduate Providence Hotel (Historic Hotel). Contract sent around for review by Board. Requested



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- action by S. Cook. Motion to execute the contract with Graduate Providence Hotel: C. Motes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Petersen. Passed. Discussion with T. Weeks concerning Service Animals. Information will be sent from DPH for posting on CEHA website.
- b. Legislative: E. Kavanah: Working on improving contacts with the Legislative Office Building (LOB).
  - c. Membership: M. Hosseini not present, but asked that two new membership applications be proposed for vote: Pamela Solis (full) and Michael McLaughlin (Corporate). Motion to approve, E. Kavanah, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Amodio.
  - d. Nominations: D. Schober: Three Officer positions open for nominations. Discussions concerning openings on Standing and Technical Advisory (Chair) positions.
  - e. Publicity/Websites: Matt Brattoli for the Chair: Special Edition of the Newsletter will come out in addition to the Fall Newsletter. Discussion on timing. Discussion concerning funds appropriated for “giveaways” at the annual meeting. Body Arts and Personal Services and Soils Training Conference information posted on the Website (Registration and contents, dates, etc.). Environmental Professional Day in Connecticut.
  - f. Scholarships and Awards: E. Mikulak: The committee is meeting next week concerning the scholarships. New ideas for obtaining interest in scholarships being researched.
6. Technical Committees:
- a. Housing/Lead: B. Falkner: Not much going on at this time.
  - b. Food Safety: R. Petersen: Rick related an issue at the NSF meeting (Ann Arbor, MI) that he recently attended, dealing with Nutella Company requesting NSF approval for a bulk dispenser of their product, cleaning and storage of equipment (with product remaining inside.) NSF did not give approval. Rick wanted to know if anyone had seen this equipment used in Connecticut. Discussion ensued. Ryan McCammon asked about any difficulties with milkshakes being made in Subway stores, and cleaning procedures being adequate. Tracey Weeks made some comments about that during the ensuing conversation. Tracey continued with verbal notes concerning the Itinerant Vendor licensing matter which passed the Legislature’s last session. No resolution has been arrived at by DPH, CADH and other interested parties, so a committee to address the matter will be formed. A meeting with Consumer Protection and others concerning formation of a “Rapid Response Team” of several agencies to very quickly address Emergent Problems in Food Protection will take place soon. Rick Petersen then raised a question concerning when federal Public Health Service personnel inspected cruise ships. He noted that it appeared that they only performed inspections while the ships were in port, and not while sailing. This would constitute or be equivalent to “scheduled” inspections.
  - c. Subsurface: R. McCammon: October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> is the upcoming Subsurface Training in Sessions Woods (Burlington). There are two tracks of training, as outlined in the schedule he passed around. He discussed how the sessions would flow for each track. A question was raised by R. Petersen on how flow/discharge calculations from restaurants are made, taking into account the turnover of wash/rinse/sanitize sink contents throughout the



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operational day. It was suggested that the formulas used for sizing restaurant septic systems be updated.

7. Break: 1:28 to 1:38 pm.
8. Technical Committees, continued
  - a. Water/Wells: D. Kendrick: The Private Well Work Group will be meeting next Tuesday, and a regular phone conference is scheduled for Wednesday. Noted: William Warzecha is retiring from state service. Question: Who will replace him? There should be some Well/Water updates in the Fall Newsletter.
  - b. Body Arts and personal Services: M. Chambrelli: Much information shared concerning the upcoming Body Art and personal Services Conference, at the end of September. Presentations by nurses, professionals from the various disciplines, nails, etc., OSHA, air quality, tattoos.
  - c. The Committee has participated in the committee for standardization of the inspection form, and regulations and guidelines concerning personal services, and implementation of the recent Legislative bill passed.
9. Old Business: None.
10. New Business:
  - a. Annual Meeting: Will be held at St. Clements Castle, Portland, CT. A large facility, very nice. The Commissioner's Office will be informing as to whether the Commissioner or her representative will be attending and speaking. The agenda has been almost completely fleshed out with speakers, topics and timing developed. Topics to include PFAS, ticks, emerging diseases and freedom of information issues. The "giveaways" have been assigned to Heather and Matt. Discussion on attendance fees: Last year's meeting fees were: \$50.00 for members, \$90 for non-members. Motion by C. Motes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Petersen to continue the fees at the same rates as the previous (2018) Annual meeting. Passed.
  - b. Notation by Tracey Weeks, from a text from DPH. That the preparation of lettuce "wedges" and such for salads discussed under food safety (rinse/remove outer leaves-cut-rinse-refrigerate-prep/serve) would be satisfactory.
11. Adjourn: Motion M. Chambrelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> R McCammon. Passed. Adjourned at 2:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Charles I. Motes, Jr. M.S., M.P.H., R.S.

Secretary