



Connecticut Environmental Health Association

Board of Directors meeting

June 8, 2021

Via Zoom Platform

Call to order: Kevin Elak, President

Additions to Agenda: NONE

Guests: Tracy Weeks, DPH

1. **President's Report:** *Kevin E*

May 19 was Pride event in Middletown as well as the Memorial Day Parade. August meeting will possibly be in person. A survey will possibly circulate for feedback from the board. If folks are still experiencing issue with the Arsenic webinar, send an email to Tiziana Shea directly.

DPH had a roundtable discussion on the implementation of the FDA Food Code.

Tracey Weeks: Food Code has passed and Food Protection is now requesting CADH to provide comments on the regulations. However, CADH seems to have more of an issues with the certification process.

2. **Secretary's Report:** *Kevin E.*

Scott motioned to amend *Education* section of the minutes from "Scott will work on possibly having an exhibitor reception at the museum" to "Scott will work on possibly having a tour and reception at the museum" as a part of the Yankee Conference. Scott motions, 2nd by Mindy with none opposed

Minutes dated 05-11-21 with accepted with amendment

3. **Treasurer's Report:** *Scott C.*

Current balance of the accounts discussed. For full detail of balancing see attachment of Scott's email dated 6-8-21. The Payroll account was removed due to lack of use. The food truck for the summer picnic, zoom platform, credit card processing fees are all expenses that were paid for this month and a total of \$80 was received in membership dues.

Scott motions to accept the treasurer's report and a second by Dianne, none opposed. Motion was carried.

4. **Subsurface:** *Ryan M.*

The date for the one day hands on entry level subsurface training has been finalized. The date is Tuesday October 19th with a rain date of Wednesday October 20th. Subsurface sewage meeting will be on Thursday June 10th at 1pm. Target audience is approximately 35-40 Sanitarians with phase 1 and possibly phase 2 or going to take phase 2 and working in a health department or district with septic. There will be a Code Advisory meeting in July



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on the technical standard. Any feedback on the on the technical standard should be sent to Ryan or Jeff. A save the date flyer will go out.

Discussion ensued.

5. **Education Report:** *Dianne H.*

Summer meeting registration will go out by the end of the week on Wild Apricot. Details of the meeting will include entertainment, food and drinks with a potluck dessert and a possible presentation on Aquiculture.

Yankee registration will go out possibly by mid-July. There are a total of 20 presenters that have committed and 20 more pending. Dianne is seeking mote food, sewer and water area presenters.

A brief discussion ensued on possible contacts for presenter.

6. **Legislation:** *Kevin.*

There are some changes to the bill on reciprocal license for itinerant vendors. There was some add-on for the response extension from DPH and local health.

Tracey W.

There are no changes, just updates to some dates. DPH now has to work with CADH has to come up with the reciprocal license for itinerant vendors by December 1st and then implement by January 1st 2022. The group will meet and discuss on the matter, including whether or not the new bill will supersedes each town ordinance. CEHA is also able to partake in the discussion.

7. **Membership:** *Maryam H*

Maryam was absent from meeting. There's nothing to report at this time.

8. **Nomination/ Election:** *Phyllis A*

The application was received for Scott Cook for the treasurer's position. There is still no application for the vice president's position. An attempt will be made to recruit possible candidates at the summer picnic.

9. **Publicity:** *Lisa Y., Michelle H.*

The last newsletter had been sent out to the members. Publicity will try to capture pictures at the summer picnic for the next newsletter. Dianne (Education) will work Lisa and Michelle to get the registration out to the summer picnic.

10. **Scholarships/Awards:** *Erica M.*

There have been a few inquiries about the scholarships. However, there was some confusion on the degree requirement. Erica is working to get that resolved.

Technical Committee:



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11. **Lead:** *Kristin A.*

There is currently a recall in ceramic ware sold at a few stores in CT. A circular letter was sent out by DPH. The part two will be out soon.

12. **Food Safety:** Kevin

Tracey W.

The first Food Safety Advisory meeting will be on Thursday June 10th. The main discussion will be reviewing the draft regulations for the FDA Food Code. The goal is to have the revision done and send regulations back for public comments. The regulations are for primary enforcement and what are needed to implement the FDA Statutes. There is draft inspection forma already that is modeled after the Food Code.

Training Process: There will be a provisional if a person was hired after the Southern course as not to wait until the next upcoming class.

13. **Water/Wells:** *Don K.*

- There was a water works group meeting last week.
- A Pfas incident has occurred on Killingworth where 30% of their private wells were impacted. They concluded that it was related to AFFF from fire house. Bottled water given to residents. B51 is pushing to add arsenic and uranium to all newly installed wells.
- State lab is still trying to get a machine capable of testing Pfas. Unfortunately, these machines are filled with Teflon.
- There is a new contact for DEEP/ Water section: Veronica Tanguay. The best way to get in contact with some is by emailing deep.potable@ct.gov
- DEEP is trying to find ways to identify what type of salts (i.e. road salt, from backwash system etc.) are getting into wells.
- New emerging contaminant person at DPH Pat Bisacky
- New DCP regulations came out, comments were forward to Ryan Tetrault

14. **Body Arts/Personal Services:** *(Email sent from Brian 6-8-21)*

Vent requirement is solely based on building code and not a health code issue.

There's no great need to do any presentation on ventilation unless there is a need.

A discussion followed.

15. **Workforce Development:** *Brianna S. & Alyssa B.*

Last meeting the group discussed two priorities for the group:

1. Rebranding who is environmental professionals and give it a meaning. The team wanted to create an environment that's welcoming not just for Sanitarian or environmental professional.
2. Bringing workforce development to the Yankee Conference by networking with other states to see what they're doing. Discussion followed.

9. **Old Business:** Tabled

10. **New Business:** None

11. **Adjourn:** 1:12 PM Scott motions to Adjourn 2nd by Alyssa.