

**HEALTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES of JANUARY 2, 2007**  
**Durham Town Hall**

Call to Order and Attendance

Selectwoman Maryann P. Boord called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. In attendance: Members Dede Levy, Karen Buckley-Bates and Bill Milardo.  
Absent members: Donia Viola and Dr. Leo Willett.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by K. Buckley-Bates to accept minutes of meeting held on October 17, 2006.  
Second by D. Levy. Vote – all ayes.

Motion by D. Levy to accept minutes of meeting held on November 16, 2006.  
Second by K. Buckley-Bates. Vote – all ayes.

Motion by K. Buckley-Bates to accept minutes of meeting held on December 6, 2006.  
Second by D. Levy. Vote – 3 ayes and an abstention by B. Milardo.

Discussion Concerning Parameters for Evaluation of Proposals

K. Buckley-Bates suggested the following parameters:

1. Viability
2. Cost
3. Geopolitical
4. Satellite Office Option
5. Fees to be Assessed
6. Impact on the Durham Fair

Discussion Concerning Representation on a Board of Health

6 districting scenarios for Durham have been developed and the number of votes that each town would have based on 1 vote for every 10,000 persons or portion of 10,000.

Scenario 1: Durham joining the East Shore Health District.

Branford 3 votes; East Haven 3 votes; North Branford 2 votes; Durham 1 vote

Scenario 2: Durham joining the Connecticut River Area Health District.

Old Saybrook 2 votes; Clinton 2 votes; Deep River 1 vote; Durham 1 vote

Scenario 3: New Health District

Durham 1 vote; Cromwell 2 votes; Middletown 5 votes; Middlefield 1 vote

Scenario 4: New Health District

Durham 1 vote; Cromwell 2 votes; Middletown 5 votes; Middlefield 1 vote;  
Haddam 1 vote

Scenario 5: New Health District

Durham 1 vote; Killingworth 1 vote; Middletown 5 votes; Middlefield 1 vote;  
Haddam 1 vote

Scenario 6: New Health District

Durham 1 vote; Middlefield 1 vote; Killingworth 1 vote; Haddam 1 vote

Scenario 7: Durham Health Department on its own with a full-time Director of Health

#### Public Health Programs and Services

Discussion concerning programs and services that can/will be provided by a health district. B. Milardo mentioned that Janet Muraca might provide or contract for services through her office (Department of Human Services) that pertain to public health; D. Levy will contact J. Muraca. Discussion concerning public health services that are provided by the Regional School District 13.

#### Evaluation of the Scenarios

It appears that scenarios 3, 4, & 5 have the following disincentives:

1. Durham would lack adequate representation on the board of directors.
2. Cost
3. Geopolitical/Character
4. Unlikely that Durham would have a satellite office

It appears that scenarios 6 and 7 are cost prohibitive.

A general discussion ensued concerning scenarios 1 & 2 and a comparison was made between the two scenarios:

#### Scenario 1

Board representation not bad  
Geopolitical/character not bad  
Likely satellite office in Durham  
More established – good programs  
already in place  
Viable

#### Scenario 2

Board representation better  
Geopolitical/character better  
Likely satellite office in Durham  
Newer – opportunity for growth &  
to influence the growth  
Viable

Questions for B. Milardo to request that the Health Directors in Scenarios 1 & 2 ask their Boards of Health:

1. Does the Board want the Town of Durham to join the District?
2. Will the Board support a satellite office in Durham?
3. Will food license/inspection fees be assessed on the local non-profit, non-local non-profit, and for profit groups that participate in the Durham Fair?
4. Will the Districts be able to provide adequate staff for inspection of the Durham Fair?

#### Approval of Future Meeting Dates

Motion by K. Buckley-Bates to approve the meeting dates of January 18, 2007 and January 24, 2007 and to report to the Board of Selectman at its meeting on February 5, 2007. Second by D. Levy. Vote – all ayes.

Report by the Committee

Discussion concerning the development and content of the report to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by K. Buckley-Bates. Second by B. Milardo. Vote – all ayes.

Meeting adjourned by Selectwoman M. Boord at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by William R. Milardo, Jr.