

**HEALTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES of FEBRUARY 15, 2007**  
**Durham Town Hall**

Call to Order and Attendance

Selectwoman/Chairperson Maryann P. Boord called the meeting to order at 6:26 pm. In attendance: Members Dede Levy, Donia Viola and Bill Milardo and one member of the media, Peter Downs of The Hartford Courant. Member Karen Buckley-Bates arrived at 6:30 pm.

Review of Content of the Meetings Held With the Boards of Health on February 8, 2007

Discussion concerning the Connecticut River Area Health District's (CRAHD) future move to a permanent location, possibly to a site in Deep River. Generally, the members found the CRAHD Board was receptive, responsive, forthright, and impressive. The Board would accommodate the Durham Fair, allow for a satellite office with Durham's sanitarian spending a majority of the time on location, and utilize web-based software for customer service and data management. The CRAHD appears to be a comfortable fit for Durham. All but one member of the East Shore Health District (ESHD) Board of Health was in attendance at the meeting held in Branford. The Board is very committed and focused on public health. The ESHD has a long track record, appears to be more rigid, and may be less accommodating to the Durham Fair's concerns. ESHD would support a satellite office in Durham with the Town's sanitarian stationed at the office during the transition and then entering a 2-year rotation with other sanitarians in the District.

Selectwoman M. Boord wants assurance that contractors and residents have quality service, short turnaround time for permits, and convenience.

Questions that need to be addressed

Members raised some concerns and created questions and requests that would require attention from the health district directors. The concerns pertain to:

1. Directors' contracts with the health districts
2. Ordinances enforced by the health districts
3. Specific expenditures/costs within the districts' budgets
4. Employee benefits provided by the health districts
5. Avoidance of duplication of services already provided by/to the Town
6. Impact on districts' budgets if the Town of Durham joins
7. Possibility of salary increase for health district director as towns join

Approval of Minutes

Motion by D. Levy to approve the minutes of the meetings held on February 8, 2007  
Second by K. Buckley-Bates. Vote – all ayes.

Preparation of the Report to the Board of Selectmen

Selectwoman M. Boord discussed drafting of the report and the need for additional information from the Health Directors of the East Shore Health District and the Connecticut River Area Health District by Tuesday, February 20, 2007, the next meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:15 pm at the Durham Town Hall.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by D. Viola. Second by K. Buckley-Bates. Vote - All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by William R. Milardo, Jr.