

**HEALTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES of OCTOBER 17, 2006**  
**Durham Town Hall**

Call to order and attendance

Selectwoman Maryann P. Boord called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. In attendance: members Donia Viola, Dede Levy, Dr. Leo Willett, and Bill Milardo and non-member Pamela Kilbey-Fox of the CT Dept. of Public Health's Local Health Administration Branch.

Election of Officers

Chairperson: Selectwoman Boord; motion by D. Viola, second by D. Levy, vote-all ayes  
Vice-Chairperson: Dede Levy; motion by B. Milardo, second by D. Viola, vote-all ayes  
Secretary: Bill Milardo, motion by D. Levy, second by Dr. Willett, vote-all ayes

Review of Charge from Board of Selectmen

M. Boord described the Board of Selectmen's charge for the Regional Health District Exploratory Committee to investigate all options and associated costs connected with the formation of or joining an existing health district. The findings shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen by February 1, 2007.

Presentation of Possibilities to be Considered by Pamela Kilbey-Fox of CT Dept. of Public Health

Discussion and description of full-time and part-time municipal health departments and health districts. Durham has the following options:

1. Stay as is
2. Obtain the services of full-time director of health
3. Join an existing health district
4. In conjunction with other municipalities, create a health district

Reviewed per capita costs of several health districts; discussed district health boards' functions and districts' budget process.

- Member Karen Buckley-Bates arrived at 7:45pm

Identify/Assign Options to be Pursued and Prepare List of Facts to be Gathered

Committee members were assigned to investigate community health needs, to determine present health department expenditures and revenues, to contact nearby district directors of health concerning their interest in accepting Durham and to contact nearby municipalities concerning their interest in forming a health district.

Discussed the applicable section of the Connecticut General Statutes and \$5,000 grants available for the study of joining/creating a health district. P. Kilbey-Fox has sent a letter to Mary Jane Engle, Director of Health, Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) outlining the requirements for the Town of Durham to join CRAHD and the requirements for CRAHD to accept the Town of Durham. A similar letter will be sent to

other district directors of health and invitations to speak to this committee will be extended.

Set Future Meeting Schedule

November 16, 2006 at 7:30 pm

December 6, 2006 at 6:00 pm

January 3, 2007 at 6:00 pm

January 17, 2007 at 6:00 pm

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by K. Buckley-Bates, second by D. Viola, vote-all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by William R. Milardo, Jr.