



BOARD OF HEALTH

PROCEEDINGS

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FY 2023-24

April 20, 2023

A public hearing on the agency's proposed FY 2023-2024 budget and fee schedule was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the CCHD Conference Room, 2080 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT. This meeting was held in person, telephonically and via zoom.

Pat Checko, Vice Chairman of the Board of Health, served as the hearing officer. Jen Hughes served as the Recorder for the hearing.

Checko introduced the members of the Board who were present to receive testimony, and continued to introduce each who arrived after the hearing began:

Barbara Gilbert of Rocky Hill, Board Chairman
Pat Checko of Berlin, Board Vice Chairman
Charles K. Brown Jr., Board Secretary-Treasurer/Director of Health
Ray Jarema of Berlin
Judi Sartucci of Rocky Hill (arrived at 6:20 PM)
Lecia Paonessa of Berlin (arrived at 6:23 PM)
Marti Stiglich of Rocky Hill (arrived at 6:27 PM via conference)
AnnMarie Diloreto of Wethersfield (arrived at 6:28 PM via conference)
Kevin Borrup of Newington (arrived at 6:28 via zoom)
Jerilyn Nagle of Newington (arrived at 6:29 PM via zoom)

The purpose of the hearing was to seek public comment and feedback on the FY 2023-2024 proposed agency budget and fee schedule. Copies of the proposed budget and fee schedule were made available at the hearing.

A notice of hearing was posted on **April 6, 2023** and sent to the Town Clerks in each of the member towns in the Health District - Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield - and was also published on **April 4, 2023** in the Hartford Courant in editions serving each member town. The notice of hearing and budget were also posted on the Health District website and were available at the CCHD headquarters in Rocky Hill.

Copies of the proceedings of this hearing will be made available on the CCHD website by Tuesday, April 25, 2023 and may also be requested from CCTHD by phone or email.

Checko entered the hearing notice, proposed 2023-2024 budget and proposed fee schedule.

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Brown gave a brief overview of the expenditures and income for the FY 2023-2024 in regard to the proposed budget.

No members of the public were available in person, on the conference call or zoom. As no public were available in person, via phone or zoom, Checko then invited Brown to read the written testimony that was received to be entered into the record.

An email dated 04/04/2023 from Lindsey Chartrand of Cake, Batter & Roll of Middletown, CT. Chartrand urged the Board to reconsider raising the fees as proposed as CCTHD has opted out of the reciprocal licensing the state of CT passed. It would be for the betterment of small businesses if CCTHD participated in the program and did not raise the fees.

An email dated 04/04/2023 from Nicola Poplin of Pop's Famous Guac of Bloomfield, CT. Poplin stated that while the increase is not exorbitant, he would like the Board to consider one payment for all towns instead of a fee for each farmers market individually. Believes it is a bit excessive to charge two or more fees for the same paperwork, license, and inspection for each town instead of as a District.

Gilbert asked for clarification of the one fee mentioned. Brown explained the reciprocal licensing that is currently in a pilot program that CCTHD has opted out of. CCTHD is uncertain of how inspections would work and what would be done in the event of an outbreak. Also, it does not consider the different regulations in each town. Therefore, CCTHD will be waiting to see how the program works out before making a decision as participation is optional at this time.

Checko declared the public hearing closed at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles K. Brown, Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

Charles K. Brown, Jr., MPH,
Board Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Health

Reviewed and accepted by the Board: