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BOARD OF HEALTH – SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING

January 26, 2016

1:00pm

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Avenue Portland CT

Present: Peter Hughes Andrew Tierney Michael Maniscalco
Kate Morris Susan Bransfield Stan Soby
Mark Walter (arrived at 1:13pm)

Others: Don Mitchell

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Hughes called this Special Meeting Public Hearing to order at 1:07pm. Vice Chairman Hughes gave a brief overview of the highlights of the Proposed 2016-2017 Chatham Health District Budget:

- Reflects the Town of Haddam's withdrawal from the District
- Eliminates the position of Assistant Director of Health
- Adds \$25,000 for a contracted food inspector
- Includes funds for a replacement of a District vehicle
- Per Capita increase from \$9.40 to \$10.30, 9.8% increase
- Approximately \$114,000 reduction in per capita due to the Town of Haddam withdrawal, revenues also reflect fees without Haddam participation

2. Public Hearing

~2016-2017 Chatham Health District Budget

Shirley Olsen, Portland, stated that although the notice posted in the Rivereast News Bulletin stated that the proposed budget would be available on the Chatham Health District website it was not there. Ms. Olsen commented regarding an outstanding formal complaint that she has with the District, to which she was advised to discuss during Public Comment of the regular Board of Health meeting to immediately follow this Public Hearing. Ms. Olsen also made comment to her observations of the previous budgets; motor fuel stayed flat despite the cost of fuel going down, does not see a specific title of Assistant Director of Health, questioned workers comp payout, how mileage reimbursement is determined, noted increases and decreases as budgeted in the current budget, questioned credential of the medical advisor, rent/heat/electric has been flat, what revenue has been collected from the 2015-2016 flu clinics. Again,

stated that she had not had the opportunity to compare the current budget with the proposed budget.

Kyle Dostler, East Hampton, questioned whether the Board was going to inform the public with a press statement of the investigation of Mr. King, in general, of what has happened within the District and what is going to happen to the District moving forward, noting the withdrawal of the Town of Haddam (the loss of \$114,000 per capita) and questioning if any other towns would be withdrawing.

Frank Magnotta, Portland, requested clarification of the budgeted salaries of five sanitarians for six towns.

Shirley Olsen, Portland, questioned food establishment inspections.

3. Adjournment

Following no further comments related to the budget, Vice Chairman Hughes closed the Special meeting at 1:26pm.