

MINUTES
Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting
May 13, 2013

In attendance: Carolyn Schoonmaker, Mac Patrick, Gary Swenson, Laura Mosher, Susan LeHan and Monica McNally

1. The March meeting had been cancelled so there are no minutes to approve.
2. Presentation from Darien Fire Marshal, Robert J. Buch to discuss a gift from the Darien Fireman's Foundation of \$16,635 towards software upgrades and software training for the Office of the Fire Marshal. The fire departments have been using the same software since 1997. This upgrade will provide our fire departments with the same software that is being used in 90% of the departments in the state. This software will be used for building inspections; it provides a checklist for the type of building being inspected. It will save time. We should have the software by mid-summer. Training is included in the cost. It allows the firehouse to gather more information. The Foundations covers all the departments in town and has provided requests to each of the fire departments in the past. Without a quorum present, a sense of the Resolution (13-7) passed unanimously.
3. Report from Mac Patrick on the Affordable Care Act of 2013 meeting at the library sponsored by Rep. Terrie Wood. The purpose of the meeting was to help residents understand how they will access healthcare starting next year.
4. Police department will conduct a open house 6/2 from 10 -2 pm. The department has offered to provide PH&S a tour.
5. Health Department: The published restaurant ratings were discussed. It was agreed that many found it helpful. Questioned whether the restaurants are given a window of opportunity to make changes before the rating goes public.
6. Hazardous waste collection will take place on 6/1
7. There is no new information pertaining to Terrie Wood's work with our state's mental health issues. We will try to schedule a meeting with her.
8. Dog leash issues: public seems to be compliant of new ordinance. Interested if the police have heard of any complaints regarding leash law compliance.
9. Gun safety: Cannot discharge a gun in town according to the town ordinance. In order to obtain a gun permit a resident must go to the police department to be fingerprinted and to fill out forms. They must provide a reason to carry a gun.

Next meeting will be in the fall. Adjourn 7:55 pm

Laura Mosher

