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City of Norwalk Mayor's Water Quality Committee Meeting August 1, 2019 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM

ATTENDANCE

Members: Steve Bartush, Joe Schnierlein, Diane Lauricella, John Romano, John Crespo, Geoff Steadman, Pete Johnson

Staff: Thomas Closter

Guests: Deanna D'Amore, Deborah Goldstein, Dave Vetare, Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, Eleanor Militana, Michael Elliott, Dana Dessereaux, Dominick DiGangi

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion to Approve by Steve Bartush, second by Pete Johnson. Unanimous Vote.

DISCUSSION

- 1) Director of Health Deanna D'Amore presented on Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). Ms. D'Amore gave an overview of what PFAS is and uses of PFAS. Ms. D'Amore showed a map of contamination in the US from the Environmental Working Group and went into detail to explain PFAS and drinking water standards. She explained the EPA guidelines and the CT Department of Public Health guidance. She also explained what the State of CT is doing to address PFAS. Ms. D'Amore reviewed the health effects known about PFAS. First Taxing Water Department staff provided an overview of their testing for the group of chemicals and how they have addressed detecting low levels within their water supply. Questions were answered regarding other water districts, (SNEW & Aquarion), types and methodology of sampling and treatment systems.
- 2) Louise Washer provided a letter to the Committee that is being sent by a group of environmental advocacy groups to Governor Lamont regarding the pesticide chlorpyrifos. She is looking for support from the Mayor's Water Quality Committee because the use of this pesticide by golf courses and farms presents a clear threat to water quality in Connecticut and in Norwalk's watershed. The Committee will review the letter and comment at the next meeting.
- 3) Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Health Department.
Motion to adjourn meeting by Pete Johnson, second by John Crespo 7:02pm
Minutes by Thomas Closter