Meeting Minutes of H.C. 3/12/2020

Meeting brought to order at 9:07AM. Present were: Getreuer, Decker, Parry, Robertson and Cobb.

Support of Accreditation: Pat Parry met with Kieran Ryan. Barb met with Geoff Alswanger. Roz, Tom and Peggy have not met with their appointed people yet. Peggy had an opportunity to discuss some of our HC concerns while going through the reappointment process. They really are not at all aware of what the Health department does. The Board of Finance is scheduled to meet on March 31 at Rippowam.

Dr. Calder gave a very brief report on the Covid-19 situation in Stamford. We have our first confirmed case in the ICU at Stamford Hospital. The patient flew from Italy to the USA and self- quarantined immediately. We are not in containment stage yet but are in mitigation. Using the Influenza models at this time. Non-pharmaceutical interventions at this time are recommended: social distancing, hand washing and telecommuting. Following the CDC recommendations for severe pandemic! Stamford schools will be closed from 2-6 weeks. Pat Parry questioned why the Commissioners are not receiving public health messages. Dr. Calder did not know why.

The Emergency Management Coordinator position is still vacant. Dr. Calder contracts the work out to a private firm at this time.

Teleconferencing of Health Commission meetings was discussed. We need to verify that a teleconference vote reflects a legal quorum. How much notice would we have to give the City and the public? What kind of language would have to be used? Tom will get these answers.

A change in meeting times was discussed. 8AM on a Tuesday or Thursday with Thursday being the preference was discussed. A Monday or Wednesday evening was also discussed and is less popular. Will float these times to other interested parties who cannot currently make our meeting time such As Dr. Yoon.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45

Respectfully submitted by Tom Getreuer, Commissioner