

**CITY OF NORWALK  
HEALTH, WELFARE, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
March 22, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Nick Sacchinelli, Chairman; Doug Hempstead; Barbara Smyth; Doug Stern; George Tsiranides; Chris Yerinides

STAFF: Deanna D'Amore, Director of Health; Broderick Sawyer, Fire Marshal

OTHERS: Jamie Bennetta, School Readiness Coordinator

**I. WELCOME - ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sacchinelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the above members were in attendance and there was a quorum present.

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Meeting: January 18, 2018

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2018 AS SUBMITTED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one from the public attended.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry. Rilling, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept the School Readiness Grant which includes the Quality Enhancement Grant for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Ms. Bennetta said that there are currently 14 different sights that are receiving school readiness funds, and it is a subsidized program that helps provide quality child care and they receive approximately \$9,000 per child. She said it is a two year grant and the Mayor and Superintendent of School need to sign it annually, and this is the second part of the two year grant and there will be a very small amount of changes. Mr. Sacchinelli asked if this approval is just to apply for the grant. Ms. Bennetta said “yes”.

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Fire Marshal Liquor License Fees

Fire Marshal Sawyer said that there are 150 bars and restaurants that need to get licensed annually per the State Liquor Commission and we are finding that we need to go back to the establishments for re-inspection multiple times. He said to streamline this they are proposing a fee of \$50 and the owner would come to the Fire Marshal’s office and we would explain to them what they will need to eliminate having to go back for re-inspections. He said other municipalities also do this for a much greater fee, but they are not proposing the fee for revenue but it is to be sure they are prepared for the inspection. Mr. Hempstead asked if \$50 will cover the costs. Fire Marshal Sawyer said it is reasonable and is not meant to make money but it is to make the process better. Mr. Tsiranides asked how the businesses will be notified of the change. Fire Marshal Sawyer as we go along through the process he has a list of the 150 locations that Inspector D’Acunto is going through and that the information will also be on the website. Mr. Sacchinelli asked Fire Marshal Sawyer if he is opposed to raising the additional inspection fee as an alternative to the upfront fee. Fire Marshal Sawyer said “no”.

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED \$50 LIQUOR LICENSE  
FEE AND \$50 ADDITIONAL INSPECTION FEE.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. YERINDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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