

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Maggio, Chair; Jerry Petrini, Sarah Mann, Carvin Hilliard,
Bruce Kimmel, David Watts

OTHERS: Karen Doyle Lyons, Registrar of Voters

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Maggio called the meeting at 7:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2013

It was agreed to table the January minutes to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Department

Review and accept the Emergency Plans for the City of Norwalk which is required by the State Legislature.

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Ms. Doyle Lyons said that due to the problems in Bridgeport when the City ran out of ballots, the State is now requiring the municipalities to have emergency procedures in place. Copying ballots is permissible. There were 11 towns that had a shortage of ballots, but Bridgeport had the biggest problem. Due to Super Storm Irene, there were many towns without electricity. The City developed an emergency plan that was reviewed by the Fire Department, the Police Department and IT.

Ms. Doyle Lyons said that following 9/11, the schools were closed. Now there are plans to continue the elections even if there are outages, bomb scares and other issues. The moderators will be trained on how to handle various issues. Many of the issues have actually occurred at voting locations, which is why they are included in the list.

Copies of the plan were not sent to the Committee members. Ms. Doyle Lyons said that she would send copies to the Committee members.

Mr. Kimmel said that he would like to think about the various issues involved and was not prepared to vote on the plan. Mr. Petrini agreed.

Ms. Doyle Lyons said that Norwalk does not order 100% of the ballots due to their costs. The

ballots can be copied. During an election, the staff tracks the number of ballots. Plan B is to use absentee ballots. If those are insufficient, copies are made on the photocopiers and those ballots must be counted on site. The department anticipates having a primary in September.

The discussion moved to when the Committee could meet again. A special meeting will be scheduled before the second Council meeting. Mr. Kimmel requested electronic copies of the proposed plan and the State's plan.

OLD BUSINESS

The discussion moved to the fact that many of the Committee members had not received the information due to the lack of a staff person.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** MR. HILLIARD SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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