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TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Tri Town Boards of Health Meeting Minutes: 12.19.24

In Attendance:

TTHD: Jim Wilusz, Zach Roberts

TTBOH: Bob Wespiser, John Loiodice, Charles Kenny, Dianne Romeo, Noel Blagg, John Kearns, Elias Lefferman, JoAnn Sullivan, Carisa Vincent

Documents: Agenda, 9.25.24 Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order by Charles Kenny at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Charles Kenny asked for a motion to approve the 9.25.2024 minutes.
 - a. John Loiodice motioned to approve.
 - b. Noel Blagg seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.
- III. FY 26 Budget Proposal
 - a. Jim Wilusz presents the Tri Town Health FY 26 Budget Proposal. Budget highlights, proposal, revenue, accomplishments, SBPHC and FY 26 priorities are all reviewed.
 - b. John Loiodice motioned to approve the FY 26 Budget Proposal
 - c. Unanimous roll call vote
- IV. Green Burials Discussion
 - a. Discussion took place about the distinction of Home Burials vs. Public Cemeteries.
 - b. Recommendation is for each town to meet and decide what their populations need from Public Cemeteries since the rules around cemeteries and burials are specific to each town.
 - c. Bob Wespiser suggests each town health board should add information on green burials in their agendas & minutes.
 - d. Wilusz will provide information and education packet which will be submitted to the Board for approval at a later date.
- V. Arbovirus Update
 - a. Moderate risk, no EEE or West Nile virus reported in Berkshire County

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VI. H5N1 Update

- a. Discussion over human H5N1 infections in California including new strain that is affecting dairy cattle.
- b. Wespiser recommends we remain surveillant of data from national and statewide entities and the topic should be kept on the agenda.
- c. Wilusz will confirm how the Dept of Agriculture communicates any local reports of the virus.

VII. GE UDF Transportation Disposal Plan Updates

- a. Charles Kenny reviews the revised plan which shows a 70% reduction in truck traffic. Discussion follows on overall length of the project and if concurrent river remediation instead of sequential could speed up the plan. More data and analysis is needed.

VIII. Citizen Speak

- a. None

IX. John Kearns motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm.

- a. JoAnn Sullivan seconds the motion.
- b. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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