

**TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH**

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

**MINUTES**

July 13, 2011

**Members Present:** Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and First Selectwoman Catherine lino

**Absent:** Gene Bagnoli, Holly Darin, Esq, Ingrid O'Donnell, and Interim Health Director Thad King, MPH, RS

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:16pm.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Ernest Pizzuto moved to accept the minutes of the June 8 meeting. Brian Fitzsimmons seconded. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto. Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0. The motion carried: 5:0:0.

**First Selectman Update**

Cathy lino discussed follow-up actions from the July 11 presentation of the Public Health Agency (PHA) recommendation to join the Chatham Health District to the Board of Selectman (BOS).

**Review of BOS meeting response & Health District proposal**

Natalie Drew reported that during the July 11 BOS meeting Selectman Fred Dudek requested that for the next BOS meeting on July 25 PHA report on the experiences of septic pumpers and sanitary engineers with responsiveness of the health district. Natalie Drew offered to develop a list of septic pumpers and sanitary engineers who work both in current district towns and in Killingworth. Ernest Pizzuto will contact those on the list to ask them about response time and any negative or positive experiences in dealing with the district. Cathy lino also recommended contacting several contractors, who work in both towns, to get their experience with the health district. She also recommended that PHA present its recommendation to the Board of Finance. Members discussed contacting other key town groups and developing publicity to encourage attendance at the town meeting to be called on the health district recommendation.

Natalie Drew reported that Interim Health Director Thad King explained to PHA members present after the July 11 BOS meeting that in order for the contract for his services as health director to continue, the health district board will want to see that BOS at its July 25 meeting sets a date for a town meeting. Natalie Drew noted that the town can set the date up to July 1, 2012 to formally join the district if that is necessary because the annual budget for public health has already been set.

Members also discussed the BOS recommendation for two town meetings; one informational and one voting. Concern was expressed that turnout might be larger for one combined meeting rather than two and recommended a mid-September time period. Members asked for information on the procedures for town meeting used for the

purchase and development of the Wettish fields. Cathy lino noted that the charter requires 15 days notice for a full town meeting to consider an ordinance but noted that the request to join the health district, although not an ordinance, might follow this pattern.

Members asked for clarification on the financial information presented to BOS. Cathy lino clarified that the town works a 35 rather than a 40 hour week so that the salary estimates will have to be recalculated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Nesci*

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Secretary