

Town of Killingworth
Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419
Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 9, 2011

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, First Selectwoman Cathy Iino, Brian Fitzsimmons, Ernie Pizzuto, Martha Hogan, and Maura Esposito Interim Health Director.

Absent: Sue Nesci, Gene Bagnoli, Ingrid O'Donnell, Thad King.

Minutes

Ernie Pizzuto moved to accept the minutes of the October meeting. Martha Hogan seconded. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons. Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0. The motion carried: 4:0:0.

Update from Firstselectwoman Cathy Iino. Cathy introduced Maura Esposito to PHA group. She will be the interim Health Director starting in December. She will be working only for the Town of Killingworth for three half days to start with and get an idea how busy the job is and if she will need to increase her hours to meet the needs of the town. She will have good clerical help in the office. Newly elected board starts in two weeks. Maura will plan to spend December meeting people in Town Hall, getting familiar with job roles. In future Maura will also take on role of town sanitarian. January 1, 2012 is target date for Maura to be up and running as new Health Director of Killingworth. Maura has talked with Thad King and is ready to start. All members welcomed Maura to new position. Brian raised question of PHA role in regards to overseeing food services is inspected after storms. Maura addressed issue and stated it is not our role but those food places will need to be inspected in future. She is aware restaurants in town were not after Hurricane Irene and the snowstorm.

Cathy discussed shelters we have in town. We currently have three that include St Lawrence Church, KES, and HKMS. She stated we may need to look into how to obtain some "special needs cots" for future emergencies. Currently the cots come from the American Red Cross. They are stored in a trailer and the town needs to pick them up. In past Gary Mala had led us to believe they were stored locally. Red Cross is out of Middletown and not as organized as once believed. The cots were useable but the blankets had mold on them and could not be used. HKMS has emergency power during storms and not confirmed how much refrigerator space is available. Suggested in future events of bad weather that maybe town restaurants that would lose food due to power failure donate food to shelter to help feed people there. Inspections would need to be done at area restaurants before opening after a storm and power failure.

Don McDougal – emergency manager, volunteer position. We are part of Emergency District #2.

Brian Fitzsimmons asked if wells become contaminated with these storms. Maura and Ernie both stated they would not as long as the well caps are tight. Loose caps and flooding could cause a problem for a well.

Cathy stated the fire house has a 1 page memo they are planning to mail out to residents and currently at the Town Hall there are boxes with information packages for emergency preparedness. Discussed options of how to get out to people in town.

Maura stated she is aware of Jensens Park and has talked to Thad King about it. She has worked with similar properties in Prospect, CT and regulations go through DEP and keeping them updated and involved usually makes process ok.

Maura discussed doing training with person (s) who would be in charge of temporary food events and going over do's and don'ts to insure food is properly handled. Learning process but then usually no problems once everyone knows what to do.

Cathy presented the Lead Grant that Thad King had received. Cathy signed off on the grant and money will be used to off set Health District. Sum of grant is \$2,000.00.

Maura discussed that at this time she is not certified to do lead poison inspections. She was certified in the past but not many cases come up and it is a skill that should be done often to stay current. Usually specialists called in when positive lead cases reported. Cathy stated this is currently not an issue in town with lead poison. Maura plans to be certified again in future.

Brian Fitzsimmons made a motion to adjourn. Ernie Pizzuto seconded. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Martha Hogan. Opposed: none; Abstain: none. The motion carried: 4:0:0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.