

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES

December 14, 2011

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, and Interim Health Director Maura Esposito

Absent: Gene Bagnoli, Ingrid O'Donnell, and First Selectman Catherine Iino

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:20pm. She reviewed the three vacancies on the Public Health Agency. Holly Darin, Esq can no longer serve. We have not heard from Ingrid O'Donnell whether she will continue to serve. The school representative position on the Public Health Agency (PHA) is still vacant. The committee suggested an article in the Killingworth Krier and Killingworth Today to recruit more members. Brian Fitzsimmons reported that copy for the Krier is due by the 10th of the preceding month. A calendar for 2012 meetings of the Public Health Agency was distributed with the November minutes.

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MOTION-Brian Fitzsimmons moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the November 9 minutes with one correction noted by Mauro Esposito. Mauro noted that it is the role of the health department to inspect food services after storms that result in power outages. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, and Ernest Pizzuto. Opposed: 0 Abstentions: Sue Nesci. The motion carried: 3:0:1.

Interim Health Director Update

Mauro Esposito reported that she began work as Interim Health Director in December and has been reviewing Killingworth's public health ordinances and records. She will serve as both part-time Health Director and Sanitarian beginning in January. Initial plans are for office hours Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am-1pm. The Friday day may change to Thursdays in order to overlap with the Thursday office hours for the land use office.

Mauro reported that she had met with former Interim Health Director Thad King to review issues. First Selectman Catherine Iino has sent a letter to Thad King and the Chatham Health District Board thanking them for their service to the town. Sue Nesci suggested that the Public Health Agency send a letter to Thad King in gratitude for his service.

Radon Awareness Month- Mauro reported that January is Radon Awareness Month. She distributed a news release, web page notice, and other radon awareness information. Information will be displayed at town hall and the library. The town will have 50 radon detection kits available free. Members suggested a sign for Recycle Way to alert town residents. Sue Nesci will send Mauro a list for press releases.

Building Additions/Conversions-Mauro distributed a draft for the committee's review of an updated form for building conversions and additions to be compliant with the

state's B100a requirements. This form covers additions, garages, accessory structures, and swimming pools. The new form requires information on the existing septic system, including building plans and adequate plot plan showing the addition/structure and septic setbacks and soil test data on file. If there is no plot plan or soil test information on file, then a soil test is required to show there is adequate room on the lot for a septic system meeting code requirements. This new form will go into effect in January. It does not apply to new construction, where a plot plan is submitted by an engineer.

Lead Grant- The town received a \$2,000 lead grant. This funding is retroactive for work already done. The grant is based on the number of lead cases identified in the town. Mauro will file the final report.

2012 Goals & Objectives- Mauro requested input from members for her 2012 goals and objectives. She reported that she plans to update the town's antiquated public health ordinances, put a monthly time frame on pump-outs notices, and review fee structure. Mauro noted that the town's fee structure for public health inspections is below that of surrounding towns. Committee members also recommended septic system review and records as well as food services, particularly temporary food services, review. Mauro added that her objectives will change as she becomes more familiar with Killingworth's public health needs and systems.

MOTION-Brian Fitzsimmons moved and Martha Hogan seconded to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto. Opposed: 0 Abstentions:0i. The motion carried: 3:0:1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

The next meeting will be January 11, 2012 .

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci

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Secretary