

## TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

### MINUTES

February 8, 2012

**Members Present:** Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, RN, Laurie Kaufman, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, Steve Vegliante, RPh, Health Director Maura Esposito, RS, MPH, First Selectman Catherine Iino

Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

#### **Minutes**

**MOTION**-Brian Fitzsimmons moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the January 11th minutes with one correction noted by Barbara Klein. Barbara noted that she is not an RN. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Laurie Kumnick, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto. Opposed: 0 Abstentions: Barbara Klein and Steve Vegliante. The motion carried: 5:0:2.

Natalie Drew welcomed two new committee members. Barbara Klein had previously served on the Water Pollution Control Authority. Steve Vegliante, RPh is co-owner of the Killingworth Pharmacy. She reported that First Selectman Catherine Iino will serve as the representative from town government.

She reported that since Gene Bagnoli had not responded to two letters regarding service on the committee and had only attended one meeting in the past year, he was being dropped from the committee. There is currently one vacancy on the committee.

#### **First Selectman's Report**

Cathy Iino reported that she had been working with new Health Director Maura Esposito to address set up systems for the Health Department.

#### **Health Director Update**

Maura Esposito made the following reports:

**Reportable Diseases** –Maura presented statistics on reportable diseases in Killingworth for 2008-2011. She reporting reviewed the statistics for patterns with the state health department. As expected, tick-borne diseases--Lyme disease, babesiosis, and ehrlichiosis--affected the most people. There was one case of tuberculosis in 2011, now latent, which the state health department followed.

**Environmental** –Maura reported completing 6 restaurant inspections and doing a walk thru of another inactive restaurant to advise the owner of changes needed to bring the facility up to code. Cathy Iino noted that the town has 15 restaurants or food service facilities. Thirty-one re-permits were issued for pump-outs.

Maura explained that she is working with the state health department on soil testing and setting up a combined septic system for Parmalee Farms. Two buildings will need septic services—the main building and a separate building for toilet facilities. State regulations require one septic system and the state health department has to approve plans for combining the systems.

Two complaints were investigated. One involved garbage and a second related to soil dumping possibly causing septic issues on an adjacent property. Both were resolved.

### **Public Health Promotion**

Maura met with the Guilford VNA, which will offer blood pressure screenings four times during the year and provide flu shots if the town provides a location. They have grants to provide seniors with fall prevention and home care presentations.

Twenty-seven radon kits have been distributed to date.

### **Temporary Food Events**

The committee reviewed state regulations, forms and a proposed guide for groups providing temporary food events. Maura explained that the State Health Department has regulations regarding public health requirements for all temporary events (15 days or less), which offer food or beverages to the public, regardless if there is a charge or not. Bake sales are exempted.

Natalie Drew explained that these regulations will affect a number of groups that provide temporary food events in town, such as the Chamber's Chilli-Cookoff, church festivals, and the firehouse's pancake breakfasts. She added that spring, summer, and fall are the main seasons for these events. She also noted, and Maura concurred, that food-borne illnesses are only reflected in state reportable disease statistics when there is laboratory testing and are largely underreported.

A discussion ensued on timing of educational and outreach efforts to prepare the community and community groups for these new requirements. Regulation of temporary food events was a priority identified by the committee in last year's town health needs assessment. Sue Nesci suggested that Maura speak with the lead sanitarian for the Chatham Health District about their outreach, educational and enforcement process. She noted that the committee has done some research on their process when joining the health district was under consideration.

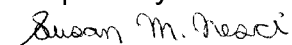
Maura explained that both food and beverage, except for prepackaged items, has to be prepared in kitchens approved and certified. Food or beverages cannot be prepared in private home kitchens. She noted that Killingworth presently does not have any approved kitchens. The committee identified the fire station and St. Lawrence Church as possible kitchens for approval, since these kitchens are used for a number of temporary food events. Cathy lino noted that the fire house is town property, so it is a logical choice. Natalie Drew and Sue Nesci said they would follow up with Father Joseph DeCosta about the church's interest in serving as an approved kitchen.

**MOTION**-Cathy lino moved and Barbara Klein seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, Laurie Kaufman, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, Steve Vegliante, RPh, and First Selectman Catherine lino; Opposed: 0 Abstentions:0i. The motion carried: 9:0:0.

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

The next meeting will be March 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Nesci  
Secretary