

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES
March 14, 2012

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, RN, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, Steve Vegliante, RPH, Health Director Maura Esposito, RS, MPH

Absent: Laurie Kaufman, and First Selectman Catherine Iino

Chair Natalie Drew called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

Minutes

MOTION: Brian Fitzsimmons moved and Steve Vegliante seconded approval of the February minutes with one correction noted by Maura Esposito. Maura noted that the state health department regulations for temporary food service events define temporary events as 14 days or less, not 15 days or less. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolli Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, RN, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, Steve Vegliante. Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0. The motion carried 7:0:0

Director of Health Update

Maura Esposito made the following reports:

Reportable Diseases - There was one case of salmonellosis. Barbara Klein pointed out that pets, such as turtles, are a possible source for salmonella. Maura noted that the state health department includes about pets in its questions about sources.

Environmental

Food Services -Maura reported completed 4 restaurant inspections, 2 re-inspections, and consulted with two facilities that changed owners about steps necessary to comply with food service licensing requirements. A guide to food service plan review guidelines and license application has been prepared for distribution to food service facilities. She reported that collecting the \$25 inspection fee at each inspection of a food service facility was administratively burdensome and has recommended that there be an annual fee at license application or renewal.

Temporary Food Service Events – Maura reviewed the a temporary food event application for the Senior Dinner by the Lions Club at St. Lawrence Church. She praised the Lions Club for their quick response to the new application process.

Maura reported doing a walk-thru of the approximately 40 year old kitchen at the firehouse for possible use as an approved and certified kitchen for temporary food service events. She noted that the town owns the firehouse. She is preparing estimates for Cathy Iino on upgrades needed to meet state regulations for an approved and certified kitchen. Natalie Drew reported that a proposal to the St. Lawrence Parish Council to use the St. Lawrence hall kitchen as an approved and certified kitchen was met with some concern.

Septic & Wells – Maura has drafted a brochure on maintenance and inspection of septic systems for homeowners. It will be mailed with pump-out reminder notices. Ernest Pizzuto recommended adding information about additives. Maura also reported the following: soil testing 1 new lot, reviewing plans for 1 new lot and repairs for 1 lot; reviewing 2 B100s for home improvements; and sending 19 re-permits for pump-outs. Two non-septic environmental complaints were also reviewed and resolved.

Maura presented a February 28th letter from the Connecticut Department of Public Health Environmental Engineering Program regarding issues with a proposed town sewer avoidance ordinance that was presented to the Department two years ago. Maura will work with Cathy Iino on addressing the issues noted by the state health department and draft a revised ordinance for town approval.

Brian Fitzsimmons asked a question about well maintenance. Maura responded that she will put something together for homeowners on the topic.

Public Health Promotion

Seniors -Blood pressure clinic dates have been changed to coincide with senior group meetings. For 2012, the dates are: May 7, Sept. 10, and Nov. 5. For 2013, the dates scheduled so far are Jan. 7 and Mar. 4. A free 6-week program on home safety will also be presented to the senior group with dates forthcoming.

Radon- Twenty-nine radon kits have been distributed. Remaining kits will be re-advertised in the fall. Test results sent from the state showed some elevated levels, including two highs at the same residence. The state health department recommends below two as the acceptable level and advises retesting between two and four.

Donate Life- The committee reviewed a letter from Donate Life and approved the town's participation in a campaign to increase promotion of organ donations. An organ donation flag will be flown on the town flag pole as a part of the campaign.

Needs Assessment – Maura explained that the state health department as part of a new accreditation process for health departments and districts is recommending a needs assessment be completed. All health districts will complete the needs assessment. The committee reported that as part of the proposal for a health district it has completed parts of the former health needs assessment recommended by the state health department. Maura recommended and the committee concurred that a public health intern from one of MPH programs in the state be recruited, if possible, to do a needs assessment for the town. It was noted that an assessment would require more time than presently allotted for the part-time health director position.

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Brian Fitzsimmons seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolí Drew, Brian Fitzsimmons, Martha Hogan, RN, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, Steve Vegliante. Opposed:0 Abstentions:0. The motion carried 7:0:0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

The next meeting will be April 11, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci

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Secretary