

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH
Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES
~~June 13,~~ 2012
Sept. 12,

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Martha Hogan, RN, First Selectman Catherine Iino Laurie Kumnick, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, Steve Vegliante, RPh, and Health Director Maura Esposito, RS, MPH

Absent: Brian Fitzsimmons, Mary Harkin, MD, Barbara Klein,

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Minutes

MOTION- Cathy Iino moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the August 8th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, First Selectman Catherine Iino, Martha Hogan, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Laurie Kumnick, Sue Nesci and Steve Vegliante, RPh, The motion carried: 4:0:3.

First Selectman Report

Cathy Iino made the following reports:

Prescription Discount Card – The town will offer a Killingworth prescription discount card through the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. There is no cost to the town to offer this card. A card will be mailed to every resident. Steve Vegliante, RPh explained that discount cards will primarily help those with no or limited insurance coverage. He further explained that seniors can't take advantage of the card under the rules for Medicare Part D coverage of prescription drugs. A discussion ensued on who and how to target educational messages about the card. Sue Nesci suggested explaining the card's advantages to Chamber of Commerce members, since many small businesses have difficulty getting and affording insurance coverage.

Food Services – Nonprofits have expressed concerns with food preparation for temporary food service. Maura Esposito explained that there are currently limited choices in town for food preparation for temporary food events and home preparation is not permitted, except for bake sales. The committee discussed alternative solutions to help nonprofits offer food to the public in a safe and approved manner. They also stressed the importance of educating town groups this first year about the importance of temporary food events requirements. Maura said she was willing to work with nonprofits groups to answer their questions and assist them in finding solutions.

Emergency Preparedness – Cards will be sent out shortly to 150 nurses and doctors in town asking for volunteers to help the town with emergency medical services in the event of a category three hurricane. Cathy Iino explained that it is likely to be several days before certain services would reach a small town like Killingworth in the event of a major disaster.

Director of Health Report

Maura Esposito made the following reports:

Reportable Diseases – The committee reviewed the monthly reportable diseases report. There was a suggestion that with the popularity of raising chickens in the backyard, Maura prepare an article on proper handling of chickens to avoid bacterial contamination.

Environmental – Maura reviewed plans for three new lots, two well permits and one well abandonment, one septic tank replacement, two additions, and inspected two child care programs. The Chatham Health District completed two inspections on septic tanks, 105 pump-out permits were issued and 5 letters to install risers to grade because the septic tanks were too deep. Letters were sent on water test analysis for two residents as part of real estate transfers.

Health Promotion – A blood pressure clinic was conducted on September 10th. A flu clinic is scheduled for October 25, 12-2:00pm at the Congregational Church.

MOTION- Cathy Iino moved and Steve Vegliante seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Martha Hogan, Catherine Iino, Laurie Kumnick, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Steve Vegliante; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0. The motion carried: 7:0:1.

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

The next meeting will be October 10, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci

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Secretary