

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES

October 9, 2013

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Trish Hatin, Martha Hogan, Laurie Kumnick, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, First Selectman Catherine Iino, and Health Director Maura Esposito

Members Absent: Barbara Klein and Daniel Ott

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

Minutes

MOTION: Laurie Kumnick moved and Trish Hatin seconded acceptance of the September 11th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Trish Hatin, Martha Hogan, Laurie Kauffman, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, Catherine Iino Opposed: 0 Abstentions: Sue Nesci. The motion carried: 7:0:1.

First Selectman Update

Domestic Violence – The Killingworth Women’s Organization (KWO) is partnering with the town using purple ribbons to raise awareness of domestic violence. KWO will be collecting funds for a local shelter in Middletown on September 19 at the transfer station. October is domestic violence awareness month.

Suicide Prevention – The Haddam-Killingworth Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities is working on youth suicide prevention. Middlesex County has the highest suicide rate in the state.

Health Director Update

Maura Esposito’s report provided the following updates:

Monitor health status- The committee reviewed the monthly reportable disease report. Lyme disease continues to be the most common reportable disease.

Investigate health problems/complaints- The health director investigated one housing complaint.

Mobilize community partnerships- The VNA will offer a flu clinic October 17, noon-2:00pm at the Congregational Church. Maura met with Kate Glendon from the Haddam-Killingworth (HK) Youth Service to look for joint grants. Residents without health insurance can access assisters in Middletown to help select a health insurance plan from the state’s health insurance exchange, AccessHealthCT, under the Affordable Care Act.

Enforce laws/regulations to protect public health- Maura reviewed the following statistics: 2 septic repairs; 2 new home reviews; 1 new structure septic installed

(Parmalee); soil testing for 2 B100 reviews and 5 B100 reviews; 2 new wells; 37 re-issues of pump permits; 79 pump-out reminders sent; and 2 complaints investigated.

Insure access to health services- The POD training as part of the Mass Dispensing Plan will be rescheduled. This training should help insure that in the event of the need for mass vaccinations, town residents could be vaccinated in town rather than travelling to Old Saybrook High School.

The committee discussed organizing a first aid class. The recommendation was to offer a class on first aid for pets first, working with the local vets, and second a first aid course for parents.

Evaluation effectiveness of health services- The state health department's annual report includes data on part-time health departments' income, fees, number and types of inspection. The agency will start the process of looking at fees compared to surrounding towns and towns of similar size.

MOTION-Cathy lino moved and Betty seconded a motion to adjourn.

Voting in favor: Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Trish Hatin, Martha Hogan, Laurie Kumnick, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, and First Selectman Catherine lino
Opposed: 0 Abstentions:0. The motion carried: 8:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

The next meeting will be December 11. There will be no November meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci

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Secretary