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

Had'n November 13, 2014 at 3:50 p.m.
By Dawn M. Mooney Ass't
Town Clk

MINUTES
June 11, 2014

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolì Drew, Betty Dennis, Martha Hogan, First Selectman Catherine Iino, Sue Nesci, Daniel Ott, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon

Members Absent: Trish Hatin, Barbara Klein, and Laurie Kumnick,

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

Minutes

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Dan Ott seconded acceptance of the May 14th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolì Drew, Betty Dennis, Sue Nesci, Daniel Ott, Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions-Martha Hogan and Catherine Iino. The motion carried: 5:0:2

First Selectman Update

Cathy Iino reported that 4-5 town employees were trained on the use of the defibrillator as part of the town's effort to become a Heart Healthy Community. Defibrillators have been installed at a number of locations around town.

Health Director Update

Paul Hutcheon provided the following updates on some of the ten essential health department services:

Monitor health status- The committee reviewed a chart of the seven reportable diseases for May. They discussed and recommended that reportables reflect the entire prior month rather than year-to-date. They also asked Paul to double check on one reportable, which seemed to be in spike in incidence based on past reporting patterns.

Diagnose and Investigate Health Problems- Paul reported that state mosquito testing began the first week in June. Killingworth is one of 72 towns with a trap site. So far no positive tests have been reported in town and none were reported for the prior year.

The committee continued a discussion of the issue of stagnant water at Parmalee Farm. Paul reported that he met with the engineer designing the new driveway and though the new driveway includes a culvert, it will probably not drain the pool. Since the pool is seasonal, Paul recommended no further action because there are larger bodies of water for mosquito breeding within a mile of the farm.

Inform and Educate- The committee selected June 21st, 8am-2pm to distribute information at the town transfer station on prevention of tick exposure and tick-borne diseases. They reviewed several educational handouts and recommended that a brochure be used and other handouts be referenced on the town's website under the

health department's section. The brochure will be labelled with the health department's phone number and town website for those wishing additional information. The committee also recommended leaving information at the library, town clerk's office (since June is dog license month), the hardware store and pharmacy.

Paul issued two press releases; one on tick prevention and the second on grilling food safely.

The committee was sent the Community Equity Index prior to the meeting. Paul noted that it is a great tool for assessing community health needs.

Mobilize Community Partners- Paul will be participating in a June 23 Emergency Preparedness drill. He also will meet with the CT River Area Health District to continue developing plans for closed pods in town in the event of incidence requiring mass dispensing.

Further information was not available to move forward on plans for a first aid for animal program.

Develop Policies and Plans – Paul prepared a chart of proposed fees for town environmental services. The chart also included a comparison to state averages for health districts, full time and part-time health departments. One recommendation was to make fees coincide with the town's fiscal rather than the calendar year. The committee postponed a decision on the revised fee structure pending Paul's review of how certain fees dovetailed with related building department actions and fees. Discussion will continue at the July meeting.

Enforce laws/regulations to protect public health- The committee reviewed the environmental activities of the health department for the preceding month.

MOTION-Ernest Pizzuto moved and Cathy Iino seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Cathy Iino, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, Daniel Ott, Ernest Pizzuto Opposed:0 Abstentions: 0. The motion carried: 7:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

The next meeting will be July 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci

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Secretary