

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Routes 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES

December 9, 2015

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolí Drew, Betty Dennis, Cathy Iino, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto and Health Director Paul Hutcheon

Members Absent: Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, and Michelle Kelvey-Albert

Chair Natalie Ortolí Drew called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Minutes

MOTION: Cathy Iino moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the November 4th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolí Drew, Betty Dennis, Cathy Iino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Barbara Klein. The motion carried: 5:0:1.

First Selectman Update

Cathy Iino reported that several voters at the school referendum on December 8th had raised concerns about the safety of proposed artificial turf for the high school. Paul Hutcheon explained that the state did a study that found no risk to health. Sue Nesci asked if the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery had a statement on the issue. Paul said he is following up seeking additional information.

Cathy also continued a discussion from the November meeting on outdoor wood burning furnaces. Paul reported that the House of Representatives passed a bill that EPA cannot require new technology for wood burning furnaces. He added that state legislators did not pass a proposal to ban outdoor wood furnaces. Seventeen towns, however, have passed bans. Neither Cathy nor Paul has received complaints on outdoor wood burning furnaces. The committee recommended further study.

Health Director Update

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

Inform & Educate about Public Health – Paul issued two press releases on food safety. One release was on food safety during power outages and the second was on food safety during the holidays. He also provided information on the safety of artificial turf to an individual concerned about an installation in Haddam. Committee members were encouraged to complete the assessment in the online orientation to the public health system.

Diagnose & Investigate – Paul responded to a well water issue at a property adjacent to a newly installed well. The new well was fracked to increase flow. The neighboring well developed cloudy water. The water quality cleared after pumping of the new well and flushing of the neighboring well.

The committee reviewed and agreed with the current requirement that a well has to be drilled, sampled and achieve an acceptable result before new construction. Paul noted that the state Department of Consumer Protection has online information on wells dating back to the 1970s.

Paul also responded to a complaint of possible flooding of a well because of rising water caused by a beaver dam. The state removed the beaver dam.

Enforce Public Health Laws & Regulations – The town hall well coliform issue has cleared, so now the well will be monitored quarterly. Paul noted that the well still has high sodium content.

Paul reported completing a review and approval for a new 13 lot subdivision. In addition, he reviewed plans for a new building and septic system on Route 81 as well as plans for 2 new septic systems.

He discussed requirements for a seasonal well permit, which would apply to the well at Selden field. Wells have to be chlorinated, flushed and sampled before seasonal use.

2016-2017 Budget

The committee reviewed and discussed a draft budget for 2016-2017. The budget is due in January. They recommended that Paul increase his hours to 20 hours per week based on his average hours per week over the last 12 months.

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Betty Dennis seconded a motion to accept the 2016-2017 budget, as amended. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cathy Iino, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0. The motion passed 6:0:0.

MOTION: Cathy Iino moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded a motion to adjourn. Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cathy Iino, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0. The motion passed 6:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm. The next meeting will be January 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci

Susan M. Nesci, Secretary

Rec'd December 11, 2015 at 11³⁵ A.M.
By Susan M. Nesci Town Clerk