

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES

March 11, 2015

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, Dan Ott (left at 7:25pm), Ernest Pizzuto, RS and Health Director Paul Hutcheon

Members Absent: Martha Hogan

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

MOTION: Betty Dennis moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the February 11th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Sue Nesci and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstain: Cathy lino, Barbara Klein, and Dan Ott. The motion carried 5:0:3.

First Selectman Update

Cathy lino reported on the following:

- Killingworth has achieved the Heart Safe Community award
- Estuary Council is offering a lunch café for seniors on Wednesdays at the Congregational Church. Cathy reported about 30 attendees at the first two lunches.

Health Director Update Paul provided the following updates on some of the ten essential health department services.

Monitor health status- Twenty-six of the 50 free radon kits distributed in January have been returned and a number were elevated. Paul will remind residents with the remaining kits to expose them and send them in for analysis since the kits expire. Ernest Pizzuto asked if there was pattern to the readings based on bedrock. It was suggested that analyzing results based on the map of bedrock formations might be an intern project for a public health student.

The committee reviewed the monthly and year-to-date communicable disease report.

Inform and Educate- Paul will email members a flier describing what a local public health department does. Cathy lino suggested putting the information in the *Krier*.

Develop Policies and Plans – Paul reported revising educational information for temporary food event. Cathy lino noted that Parmalee Farm will host farmers markets on four days during the summer. Paul explained the permitting process for the farmers market, including for fruits and vegetables, processed products, such as jellies and relishes, ungraded eggs, and the food truck planned for each day. He explained that

invitation only events, such as weddings and a planned Chamber event did not come under temporary food events since they were not open to the public.

The committee continued discussion on smoking or tobacco use in town outdoor recreational areas. Sue Nesci reported that Dan Colonia, Chair of Parks and Recreation, reported that his committee suggested for the past two year posting signs discouraging smoking. The committee even suggested wording for the signs to date has not received a response to the suggestion. Some user groups, such as lacrosse, soccer and football have no smoking rules for parents and coaches. Cathy lino noted that by charter Parks and Recreation can make rules governing the use of facilities.

Sue reported that Tim Gannon from Parmalee Farms said his committee has not considered the issue yet. She reported still having to contact HK Youth and Family Services, the regional school superintendent, and checking with the town on policies governing other town properties.

After discussion, the committee defined its goal to be creating a consistent approach to discourage tobacco use on all town property through signage, environmental cues (such as receptacles at entrances to fields), and policies where appropriate. The committee decided not to pursue an ordinance approach because of enforcement issues.

Enforce laws/regulations to protect public health- Paul investigated a report of septic odor by the cranberry bog. A long-time homeowner in the area reported in some years experiencing a sulfite smell from decomposing plant matter in the bog. Ernest Pizzuto suggested it could also be from a vent pipe on a house that may not be high enough, particularly with the amount of snow on roofs.

Paul explained that the state has to approve a shared septic system. He is working on a house that shares septic with a bathhouse for a pool.

Six restaurants inspections were completed during the February lull in construction and other environmental permits. He reported that a request for a part-time food inspector has not yet been approved. Paul said he is working with Little League on their plans to sell food at Sheldon Field starting on opening day, April 25.

MOTION- Ernest Pizzuto moved and Barbara Klein seconded a motion of adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Barbara Klein, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0. The motion carried:7:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06pm. The next meeting will be April 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci
Susan Nesci, Secretary