

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Routes 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES

July 8, 2015

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis (arrived 7:08pm), Cheryl Fine, Cathy Iino, Sue Nesci, Dan Ott, Ernest Pizzuto, RS and Health Director Paul Hutcheon

Members Absent: Martha Hogan and Barbara Klein

Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Minutes

MOTION: Cathy Iino moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the May 13th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Cheryl Fine, Cathy Iino, Dan Ott, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstain: Sue Nesci. The motion carried 5:0:1.

First Selectman Update

Cathy Iino reported on the following:

- The Heart Safe community signs are up.
- During the Route 148 closure between Little City Road and Route 81, there will be an emergency vehicle stationed there as well as mutual aid to serve emergencies in the area.

Health Director Update Paul provided the following updates on some of the ten essential local health department services. He noted that the state has changed slightly the names of the services and that the Public Health Agency will use the newer names. The change in nomenclature will facilitate reporting to the state at the end of the year on performance measures related to the ten essential public health services.

Paul distributed a document from the state's work group. The 10 Essential Local Health Services listed included the following:

1. Conduct Assessment Activities
2. Investigate Health Problems
3. Inform and Educate about Public Health
4. Engage with the Public to Solve Public Health Problems
5. Develop Public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Promote strategies to improve access
8. Maintain a competent workforce
9. Evaluate and continually improve
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base for public health

Conduct Assessment Activities- Paul reported that the state health department has lead grants of @\$2,500 available for programs and services that focus on prevention and reduction of lead paint. Homes built prior to 1978 are likely to have lead paint.

Paul suggested collaborating with a neighboring health department and working with local building officials to insure that contractors doing home repairs are RP/EPA trained and certified in lead paint abatement. He added that contractors without the training could be connected to training classes. The grant would help cover staff time. Paul noted that in the lead surveillance report Killingworth had no children with reported cases of lead paint poisoning and that the percent of children screened for lead was greater than 80%. The committee discussed other sources of lead, such as lead solder in plumbing pipes. Paul will check on testing for lead in well water.

Inform & Educate about Public Health- Paul sent out two news releases; one on mosquito testing and traps and a second of state Department of Agriculture guidelines for selling eggs from backyard chickens directly to consumers.

Develop Public Health Policies and Plans – Paul reported that the first farmers' market at Parmalee Farm in June went well. Temporary food permits will be required for cooking and preparing food onsite or offering samples. Farmers selling farm products will not be required to have a temporary food permit.

The committee continued discussion on smoking or tobacco use in town outdoor recreational areas. Sue Nesci reported that the General Assembly recently adopted Public Act 15-206, which included language regulating electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products. She will continue to follow up on policies in the schools and possible wording for signs for the four town recreational fields.

Enforce Public Health Laws and Regulations- Paul will follow up on questions regarding requirements for restaurants to close or remain open after a power failure. The question arose after a recent storm disrupted power and as a result water from wells.

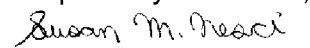
Maintain a competent workforce- Paul reported that a contracted part-time food inspector was re-appointed. The contracted food inspector will be used to keep regular food inspections on schedule as needed, especially during the busy season for the Health Director with environmental permits and inspections

The committee thanked Dan Ott for his service. Dan is re-locating out-of-state and submitted his letter of resignation. Paul noted that there are now two vacancies on the committee. Cathy lino will include a call for volunteers in her Killingworth Krier column and will also check the charter for requirements to appoint new members.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm. The next meeting will be August 12th.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Nesci, Secretary