

## TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

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Killingworth, CT 06419

### MINUTES

September 9, 2015

**Members Present:** Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Martha Hogan, Cathy lino, Michelle Kelvey-Albert, Barbara Klein (arrived 7:15), Sue Nesci, Ernest Piuzzuto, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon. *(Note: Michele Kelvey-Albert was appointed but not sworn at the date of the meeting, so could not vote)*

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Fine

Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. She welcomed new members school district representative Robin Duffield and public health professional Michelle Kelvey-Albert. Natalie noted that the committee has now filled its required roster of members.

### Minutes

**MOTION:** Betty Dennis moved and Cathy lino seconded acceptance of the August 12th minutes. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortolini Drew, Cathy lino, and Sue Nesci; Opposed: 0; Abstain: Robin Duffield, Martha Hogan, and Ernest Pizutto. The motion carried 4:0:3.

### First Selectman Update

Cathy lino reported the following:

- The VNA Community Healthcare has announced flu clinics for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30am at Jensen's and October 15<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm at the Congregational Church.
- Haddam-Killingworth Youth and Family Services have scheduled a senior expo on October 6, 9am-3pm at the high school. The town will have a table.

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

**Conduct Assessment Activities-** Paul submitted a grant proposal for a state health department lead grant of @\$2,500 for programs and services that focus on prevention and reduction of lead paint in homes built prior to 1978. The Connecticut River Valley Health District will identify Killingworth contractors, send a pre-permit letter explaining the requirements, and check to see if the contractors are already RP/EPA trained and certified. He explained that a 2010 federal law requires this certification. The grant will also pay for training classes for contractors applying for permits who are not yet certified.

**Inform & Educate about Public Health-** Paul sent out a news release on West Nile virus and mosquito protection and control measures. The state monitors a testing site in Killingworth.

Cathy lino suggested that the committee consider offering fall prevention and safe driving programs for seniors. Robin Duffield recommended contacting the local driving

school, Crossroads, to see if they were interested in partnering on a safe driving education program.

**Develop Public Health Policies and Plans** – Paul reported that both the town and state annual reports were submitted. Paul followed up via email to several requests from the August meeting for more information and definitions on items in the report. Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew added that an annual report on Public Health Agency activities had also been prepared and submitted to the town.

Paul reported that the town has joined the Shoreline Medical Reserve Corps for our mass dispensing area. There will be a future call for volunteers.

Sue Nesci reported that there has been no further progress on the smoking in parks issue. Cathy Iino recommended checking with Haddam-Killingworth Youth and Family Services to see if signs are still available. Paul recommended checking with the state Department of Public Health. Robin Duffield reported that there are new signs at the Killingworth Recreational Park.

Barbara Klein inquired about the status of PODS (Points of Distribution) for a mass dispensing system. Paul replied that he had not yet contacted a local closed group, such as a church or senior community, to see if they are willing to take on the considerable work in developing and maintaining records for a POD. A local POD would be used to dispense pills in the event of a public health emergency. Residents not part of a POD would go to Old Saybrook High School.

**Enforce Public Health Laws and Regulations-** Paul is developing a guidance on uranium testing for wells in new home construction after an issue arose concerning high uranium levels in a new home. He added that the health department will now require testing for uranium levels before an occupancy permit is issued. Tests done several years ago at several sites in Killingworth showed high uranium levels at some sites and support the need for the testing requirement. He explained that high uranium levels can be addressed through reverse osmosis point of treatment devices.

The coliform level in the town hall complex well will be re-sampled after the chlorine treatment has cleared.

Paul reported that he toured the septic system for the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. He followed up with an emailed report noting that the system is following sampling and other requirements. He added that, as required, he will now be on the list to receive reports on the system. The system was set up and approved by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Paul noted that he provided a food worker refresher training for Regional School District 17 employees.

**MOTION-** Cathy Iino moved and Betty Dennis seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Martha Hogan, Cathy Iino, Barbara Klein, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0. The motion carried: 8:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be October 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Nesci*  
Susan Nesci, Secretary