

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

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November 9, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent: Robin Duffield, Martha Hogan, Barbara Klein and Michelle Kelvey-Albert

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

Minutes

MOTION: Cheryl Fine moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the September 14th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Cheryl Fine, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto, Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Betty Dennis and Cathy lino. The motion carried 4:0:2.

First Selectman Update Cathy lino provided the following updates:

Statewide Emergency Exercise- The town participated in a statewide emergency exercise on November 2nd at the new Emergency Operations Center. The scenario was response to a statewide ice storm that wiped out electric power in town for a month. The Jensen community with 300 units of people 55 and older was a particular concern. Many of the older units have little insulation. A new safety officer for all Jensen communities was part of the exercise. Other participants included the Fire Chief, Public Works, Paul from the Health Department, Ambulance Company, and a representative from Eversource, the state's electric utility. Cathy noted that the town has the middle school as a shelter.

Smoke Detectors - The Red Cross and CERT team have installed 38 new smoke detectors. Anyone can use their service.

State Trooper -Matthew Ward, the state trooper in Killingworth for the past 11 years, will be leaving for another assignment. The state is interviewing for his position.

Health Director Update Paul provided the following updates on some of the ten essential local health department services. The updates covered two months, since there was no October meeting.

Monitor Health Status to Solve Community Health Problems - The Middlesex Hospital community health assessment showed increased levels of female breast cancer compared with the state and United States. The issue may require further review and plans. Otherwise, the health status for the area was good.

Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems & Hazards- Paul reported receiving several calls about wells going dry because of the drought. Cathy lino asked is there was any specific part of town affected, but Paul noted there was no pattern.

Inform & Educate about Public Health- Paul sent out a press release on the availability of 50 radon test kits.

Develop Public Health Policies and Plans- Paul met with the Connecticut River Area Health District on partnering with them on emergency area plans and their funding grant.

Enforce Laws & Regulations- Paul has sought clarification from the state health department on a sewage disposal complaint. A Clinton campground has been trucking some sewage to an underground septic system on a contiguous piece of land it owns in Killingworth. While there is no public health hazard, there may be a question on the transportation of sewage as well as whether the campground's disposal requires a permit from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Local health departments regulate sewage disposal below 5,000 gallons per day, but the state regulates sites that exceed 5,000 gallons per day.

Paul is working with a restaurant that wants to add seating that will require septic changes. He is also following up on a complaint about the owner's dog in a local food service establishment. The issue may be governed by the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations for service dogs.

Link People to Needed Personal Health Services- Paul reported that there were seven different organizations, churches, or schools providing flu shots in addition to the local pharmacy. This included five different providers. He clarified, in response to an issue raised by a provider, that the town does not pay for flu clinics or partner with any specific clinic. Instead, the health department lists flu clinics it is aware of on the town website.

Tobacco in Parks - At its September 14th meeting, the committee recommending providing no smoking signs, duplicating the ones at Sheldon Park, at other town recreational fields. Sue Nesci reported that the signs at Sheldon were supplied by the Killingworth Youth League. She followed up with the printer the KYL used and received an estimate of \$532.90 for six signs or \$89.98 per sign. Paul Hutcheon noted that the Health Department had \$300 remaining in an account that could be used to purchase three signs. If the committee approves the purchase of signs, the next step will be to present the proposal to provide three signs this year to the Park & Recreation Committee.

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Cathy lino seconded a motion to spend up to \$300 to provide no smoking signs for town fields. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed:0 Abstentions:0. The motion carried 6:0:0.

Consolidation of Local Health Departments - Paul Hutcheon reported that at the semi-annual meeting of the Commissioner of the state health department with local health directors, the Commissioner indicated he plans to move forward with a proposal in the 2017 legislative session to regionalize all local health departments to @10 under the state health department.

The Commissioner indicated that one of the reasons for the consolidation proposal was to address health equity issues.

The proposal includes an assessment on local towns of 1.5% of their budget for support a regional health department. This would equate to \$273,000 for Killingworth. Paul indicated that the town's annual budget for the health department is \$54,000 with a net after fees of \$40,000. Cathy lino reported that the Council of Small Town Governments has sent a letter to the Commissioner expressing a number of concerns about the proposal and the process for input. She also indicated that she has spoken about these concerns with a member of our state legislative delegation, who serves on the committee that will review the proposal

2017 Meeting Dates -Paul presented a proposed list of dates for the committee meetings in 2017 for review and approval.

MOTION: Betty Dennis moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded a motion to accept the 2017 list of meeting dates. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolì Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed:0 Abstentions:0. The motion carried 6:0:0.

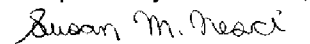
FY 16/17 Budget Planning - Paul reported that the budget is due January 6th. The committee will review the proposed budget at the December meeting. He indicated that he does not anticipate major changes from the current budget.

Committee Appointments - In response to an question, Paul noted that committee members serve three year terms based on the calendar year. Three current members will be up for re-appointment. Paul will contact members whose terms will expire. Cathy lino explained that if there are any resignations, they go to the political party of the resigning member. The party has 30 days to recommend a new appointee to the committee.

MOTION- Cathy lino moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolì Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed:0 Abstentions:0. The motion carried 6:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm. The next meeting will be December 14th.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Nesci, Secretary