

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

December 14, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent: Cathy lino, Barbara Klein and Michelle Kelvey-Albert

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Minutes

MOTION: Betty Dennis moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the November 9th minutes. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortoli Drew, Cheryl Fine, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto, Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Robin Duffield and Martha Hogan . The motion carried 5:0:2.

First Selectman Update -Paul Hutcheon reported that Cathy lino was planning to attend a meeting in Hartford earlier in the day on the state health department's integration proposal for local health departments. The tour of the new Emergency Operations Center was postponed.

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

Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems & Hazards- Two shallow dug wells were issued drilling permits for replacement wells. Paul consulted with the state health department regarding an elevated nitrate level in a well for a new house. Levels have been dropping since flushing of the well. A certificate of occupancy can't be issued until the level is within standards.

Paul responded to a fire at a bakery after hours. He advised the owner on clean-up and destruction of food. He arranged to have the department's sanitarian follow up.

Inform & Educate about Public Health- Forty radon test kits are still available.

Enforce Laws & Regulations- Paul updated the committee on a sewage disposal complaint at a Clinton campground. Sewage from the Clinton campground was being trucked to an adjacent site owned by the campground in Killingworth. There is no record of a sewage disposal system for the Killingworth site. Paul has sought clarification from the state health department and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. He is planning to attend a meeting with the campground owner and representative of the Connecticut River Area Health District to discuss options.

Paul attended a meeting of the Board of Selectman to provide an update on responses to recommendations for the HK Middle School's sewage disposal system. The system was recently inspected.

Develop Public Health Policies and Plans- Paul submitted a lead prevention grant to the state health department for \$2,909 to partner with the Connecticut River Area Health District. The District will visit pediatric offices to ensure children are tested at appropriate ages and provide lead education to families of affected children. The grant also includes plans to offer again an EPA RRP class on lead remediation for contractors.

Consolidation of Local Health departments- The committee reviewed a two page summary from the state health department and continued discussion of proposed legislation to consolidate 72 local health departments into 8 regional health departments, organized by counties.

Tobacco in Parks - Sue Nesci met on Monday with the Killingworth Parks and Recreation Committee regarding posting more no smoking signs at three recreational fields. The committee chair has four additional signs, which can be used for the fields. The Public Health Committee then discussed working with Youth and Family Services to post additional signs at school fields.

2017 Budget -Paul presented a proposed budget for 2017-2018 for committee review and approval. He noted that the proposed budget reflects 21 hours per week-- his average work week in the past year.

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Betty Dennis seconded approval of the 2017-2018 proposed budget for the public health department. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortoli Drew, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto, Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 7:0:0.

Committee Appointments - Paul reported that two of the three members scheduled for re-appointment have been re-appointed.

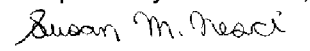
Elections- Natalie Drew noted that the committee needs to elect a Chair and Secretary for 2017.

MOTION: Robin Duffield moved and Martha Hogan seconded a motion to elect Natalie Drew as Chair and Sue Nesci as Secretary. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortoli Drew, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto, Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 7:0:0.

MOTION: Robin Duffield moved and Martha Hogan seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortoli Drew, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto, Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 7:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. The next meeting will be January 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Nesci, Secretary