

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

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Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES

March 9, 2016

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield (*arrived 7:27pm*), Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Cathy Iino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent:, Barbara Klein and Michelle Kelvey-Albert

Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. She noted that the February 17th meeting was cancelled.

Minutes

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Betty Dennis seconded acceptance of the January 13th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto, Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Martha Hogan and Cathy Iino. The motion carried 5:0:2.

First Selectman Update Cathy Iino provided the following updates:

Opioids Update- Police and first responders (fire company and ambulance) now carry the Narcan antidote for an opioid overdose. The Healthy Kids Committee is looking at the opioids issue.

Paramedic Issue - Cathy outlined and the committee discussed a new issue regarding a proposed per capita charge for paramedic services. Middlesex Hospital has approached the towns in its catchment area with the proposal because of reductions in state payments to hospitals. The hospital provides paramedics for advanced life support. Cathy noted that the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments is working on a response to the hospital's proposal.

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

Diagnose & Investigate Health Hazards- The state again this year has a mosquito trapping site that it monitors in Killingworth.

Inform & Educate about Public Health- Paul coordinated a 15 week fall prevention program, called Sitercise, with VNA Community Healthcare. The class will start March 15th at St. Lawrence Church. He reported that to date only four people have signed up. The class has room for 17. Paul sent out press releases on the Sitercise class and backyard mosquito control.

Develop Public Health Policies and Plans- The Connecticut River Valley Health District is working on identifying contractors for the RRP certification training class on lead paint removal.

Paul reported that the state has a Zika response plan. The lab can also now test for Zika. He explained that the mosquito that carries the virus is not found in Connecticut.

Enforce Laws & Regulations- Cathy lino noted that the town has received questions from part-time residents and others on the rationale for the five year pump-out requirement for septic tanks. She explained that this is a state, not a local requirement. Paul noted that it is a good practice to check the system and get solids out. Ernie added that it is also prudent to check the system for damage that can sometime occur. Cathy recommended that the next time the pump-out reminder letter is edited, an explanation on the reasons for the time frame and the need to check the system should be added.

Paul reported that he updated the list of public wells in town. He noted that the Sheldon Field well that serves the food concession stand is now a seasonal well. Federal coliform requirements mandate that it be chlorinated and sampled before resuming use. There is a \$500 fee to re-open the well.

Paul reviewed several proposed bills before the state legislature, such as rules for the sale of farm-stand eggs.

MOTION- Cathy lino moved and Robin Duffield seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto ; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0. The motion carried: 8:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. The next meeting will be April 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci
Susan Nesci, Secretary