

## TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency  
323 Routes 81  
Killingworth, CT 06419

September 14, 2016  
MINUTES

**Members Present:** Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Michelle Kelvey-Albert, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

**Members Absent:**, Betty Dennis, Martha Hogan, Cathy lino, and Barbara Klein

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. She welcomed Municipal Agent Mercedes Ricciuti to the meeting.

### Minutes

**MOTION:** Ernest Pizzuto moved and Robin Duffield seconded acceptance of the July 13th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Robin Duffield, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto, Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Cheryl Fine and Michele Kelvey-Albert. The motion carried 4:0:2.

**First Selectman Update** - Paul Hutcheon reported that there were no updates from Cathy lino.

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

**Diagnose & Investigate Health Hazards-** Paul completed training and is now using the state's new web-based Electronic Disease Surveillance reporting system. The system includes reporting for a selected list of the state's 42 reportable diseases and conditions.

**Inform & Educate about Public Health-** VNA Community Health Care is again offering its Sitercise class this fall at the St. Lawrence hall.

Paul has requested 50 radon test kits from the state health department for distribution to the public. He noted that the test for radon in the air need to be done during months when houses are closed to outside air circulation.

**Mobilize Community Partnerships & Action-** Paul reported that he is contacting local health districts and departments to develop a partnership for the town's \$2,909 childhood lead poisoning grant. He also noted that the percentage of children tested for lead is dropping. The reasons require investigation, possibly by working with pediatricians. State statute governs testing requirements in children.

**Develop Public Health Policies and Plans-** Paul attended a meeting on the Middlesex Hospital needs assessment. Initial responses to an 11 question survey sent to key informants were reviewed. Five Public Health Agency members completed the survey along with other key informants in Killingworth.

**Enforce Laws & Regulations-** Paul reported that a proposed plan for a new commercial septic system on Route 81 was reviewed by the state and rejected because suitability had yet to be demonstrated.

Paul sent for the committee's review proposed state regulations from the Department of Consumer Protection for cottage food preparation and sale. The proposed regulations will govern food prepared in home kitchens. The comment period ended Monday.

**Links to Personal Health Care & Services-** The VNA Community Health Care will again offer flu shot clinics this fall:

Jensen's Beechwood Community	October 3	1-3 pm
Killingworth Congregational Church	October 27	1-2:30pm

Both sites are open to the public. Committee members recommended that the health department promote other flu clinics/services where the department is co-sponsoring or partnering with the providers. Municipal Agent Mercedes Ricciuti noted that there is a need for more information in Jensen's.

**Tobacco in Parks-** Paul Hutcheon and Sue Nesci provided an update to the committee on smoking in parks. Paul explained the reason for interest in the issue was a 16% smoking rate among minors (source: last Middlesex Hospital needs assessment) and a state health department initiative to discourage smoking at town parks and recreational fields. The committee had previously recommended concurrence between approaches used in schools and parks, so youth would receive a consistent message.

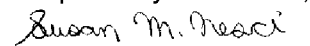
Paul explained that smoking in school buildings is prohibited under state law. All schools surveyed had required signage posted on front doors or other locations. The signs were produced by the Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Coalition under a grant. The high school was the only school to have a sign posted on one field entrance. There was a question on whether state law extended to school fields. Sue said she would check with the state health department's Tobacco Control program. Signage at school fields was recommended.

The town ordinance governing use of recreational fields does not include a smoking prohibition. Only Sheldon of the town's four recreational fields surveyed had any signs discouraging smoking. Robin Duffield recommended contacting the Killingworth Youth League as the possible source for the signs at Sheldon. The committee recommended following up with the Parks and Recreation Committee to seek their permission for signage similar to Sheldon's at all town fields. They also suggested that a smoking prohibition be added the next time the ordinance is revised.

**MOTION-** Cheryl moved and Michele Kelvey-Albert seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Michele Kelvey-Albert, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0. The motion carried: 6:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm. The next meeting will be October 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Nesci, Secretary