

Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

November 8, 2017
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Cathy Lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, Mike Stehney, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent: Robin Duffield and Martha Hogan

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

Minutes- Paul Hutcheon noted a correction in the October 11 minutes. Under Enforce Laws and Regulations, mass should be massage.

MOTION: Betty Dennis moved and Mike Stehney seconded acceptance of the October 11th minutes, as corrected.. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortolini Drew, Cheryl Fine, Cathy Lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto and Mike Stehney;; Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 7:0:0.

First Selectman Update - Cathy Lino provided the following update:

Developing Policies & Plans- The state health department's plan to consolidate health departments into eight regions, presented at the May 10th meeting, appears to be dead for this year.

Health Director Update Paul Hutcheon provided the following updates:

Investigating & Diagnosing Health Problems & Hazards- Paul completed the Community Hazard Vulnerability Assessment required of all Region 2 partners with the help of Don McDougall, Emergency Management Director.

Paul inspected a house following issuance of orders to correct unsanitary conditions. Violations of the public health code were corrected and the complaint was closed. He also inspected a rented single family home following a complaint about mold and other conditions.

The final expenditure report for the lead grant resulted in a refund to the state health department of \$1,736.

Informing, Educating, and Empowering- Uranium/Radon - Radon kits are still available. The committee discussed distribution methods. They suggested contacting the library or, weather permitting, a distribution point at the town Transfer Station.

Asthma Grant- The health department signed a memo of understanding and sent a letter of support for the Connecticut River Area Health District's application for a grant for the AIRS asthma intervention program. The grant would fund Middlesex Hospital to provide in-home visitation, assessment, and training for at risk families.

Developing Policies & Plans- Part-time Health Departments- Paul consulted with the state health department regarding their September 25th letter indicating staffing levels for local health departments need to add up to a minimum of 35 hours per week (CSG 19a-202a). The required hours do not include administrative staff time. Professional staff work a total of 22.5 hours per week, as noted at the October 11th meeting. Cathy lino will reply to the state health department's letter.

Enforce Laws & Regulation- In 2001, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection cited a local business for release of MTBEs into ground water and ordered corrective action. MTBE is a volatile organic compound. As a follow-up to a December 2016 letter from the state, the owners had certain surrounding wells sampled for four quarters and found no MTBEs. They are requesting that the state release them from further obligation.

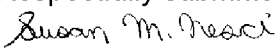
Evaluating Effectiveness, Accessibility, and Quality- VNA Blood Pressure Clinics- The committee reviewed an annual report from VNA Community Health Care on their blood pressure clinic and counseling service. The VNA provides the clinic for eight months on the first Monday of the month at the first Congregational Church. The town through the health department supports four months for a total of \$300 and the Killingworth Seniors support the other four months. There were a total of 55 attendees, who had their blood pressure and heart rate taken and received appropriate counseling.

FDA Food Code- Paul continued explaining the implications of the state's adoption of the FDA Food Code, which becomes fully effective in July 2018. The state has to write new regulations to comply with the new code and towns will need a food service licensing ordinance. All food service establishments will be reclassified and this could affect the town's fee structure. Certified Food Protection Managers will need to be recertified every five years. Currently in the state, there is no expiration of certification after completing training. Paul has posted on the website an updated list of companies approved to offer examinations for Certified Food Protection Managers under the FDA Food Code. Certified Food Protection Managers will also have to register online with the state health department before the town licenses them.

Annual Reports- Natalie Drew presented the Agency's annual report to the town and Paul Hutcheon presented his Department's annual report

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Mike Stehney seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto and Mike Stehney; Opposed:0; Abstentions:0 The motion carried 7:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. The next meeting will be December 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Nesci, Secretary