

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

January 11, 2017

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield (arrived 7:07), Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Michelle Kelvey-Albert, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent: Cathy lino

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

Minutes

MOTION: Betty Dennis moved and Martha Hogan seconded acceptance of the December 14th minutes. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortolini Drew, Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Michelle Kelvey-Albert. The motion carried 6:0:1.

Paul Hutcheon reported that Barbara Klein has resigned from the committee. Chair Natalie Drew thanked Barbara for her over 10 years of volunteer service. Paul said he will follow the process for recruiting a new member.

The tour of the Emergency Operations Center was postponed.

First Selectman Update -Paul Hutcheon reported that Cathy lino attended a meeting of the Council of Small Towns on the consolidation proposal by the state health department. She reported no support for the consolidation proposal.

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

Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems & Hazards- A certificate of occupancy was issued after flushing reduced elevated nitrate level in a well for a new house to standards. Re-authorized the re-opening of a bakery after clean-up from a fire. Created a salon inspection form and completed a routine inspection.

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

Enforce Laws & Regulations- A sewage disposal complaint at a Clinton campground has been resolved after a meeting with the campground owner, the state Department of Energy and Environment (DEEP), the Connecticut River Area Health District, and Paul. Sewage from the campground will no longer be trucked and dumped at an adjacent site in Killingworth. DEEP will review a plan, developed by an engineer, for sewage disposal.

Resolved a complaint about a service dog in a food service establishment. The service dog is only allowed in public areas. Reviewed and approved an updated plan for

increased seating at a restaurant. Water usage at the restaurant will be tracked to see if future seating expansion is possible within state regulations.

The state is considering adopting the FDA model food code instead of using the public health code in state statutes. The FDA model code is continually updated; the public health code is not. The FDA model code requires a significant amount of time for training--both online and in classroom-- for certification.

Develop Public Health Policies and Plans-

Consolidation of Local Health departments- Paul and Sue Nesci attended a meeting in Old Lyme with State Health Commissioner Raoul Pino, MD on the state health department's consolidation proposal. The current proposal calls for eliminating part-time health departments, including Killingworth's. The current 72 departments and health districts would be consolidated into 9 regions, following the Council of Government regions. Each region would have its own governing board.

Paul reported that the initial funding proposal of 1.5% of town budgets has been changed to each region getting \$1.85 per capita. Benefits of consolidation may include a statewide IT system for health data. Drawbacks include undefined financials and possible increased costs to the town. Sue Nesci added that First Selectmen from area towns, their state Representatives, and a Co-Chair for the Public Health Committee attended the meeting. No support was expressed for the consolidation proposal. Proposed Bill #5169, referred to the Public Health Committee, prohibits the consolidation.

Review of Annual Report of VNA Community Health Care

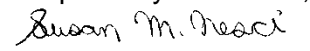
The committee reviewed the annual report from VNA Community Health Care. The VNA provides eight blood pressure screenings per year at the Killingworth Seniors monthly mid-day meetings. The town provides \$300 for four screenings; the Seniors fund the other four. The screenings served 51 attendees.

sNatalie Drew asked how many people screened were new findings of elevated blood pressure and how many were just monitored after a physician diagnosis. Michele Kelvey-Albert questioned whether blood pressure screening or other health promotion services should be offered to non-elderly residents at different times. Robin Duffield suggested a presentation for parents on adolescent sports-related injury.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be February 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Nesci, Secretary