

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

February 8, 2017

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent: Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, and Michelle Kelvey-Albert,

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Betty Dennis seconded acceptance of the January 11th minutes. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortoli Drew, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Cathy lino. The motion carried 4:0:1

The tour of the Emergency Operations Center was postponed.

First Selectman Update -Cathy lino reported on the following issues:

Local Health Department Consolidation-The Governor's budget proposal today cuts \$2 million from Killingworth's budget. State aid for education to small towns has been cut to shift funding to larger and poorer cities. Paul Hutcheon said that the latest iteration of the state health department's proposal eliminates the \$1.85 per capita in an earlier version. He also noted that a bill in support of the consolidation proposal has not yet been filed, but there are six to eight bills proposed to prohibit consolidation. Cathy predicted that the consolidation of health departments is unlikely in light of the decrease in town budgets.

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

Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems & Hazards- Inspections have been completed for the one nail salon, one barber shop, and two hair salons in town. Reviewed and approved an application for a new permanent make-up establishment, which will also be inspected annually. Created one-page guidelines on disinfection and disinfection products to clarify which products disinfect.

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

Enforce Laws & 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 requires a significant amount of time for training--both online and in classroom-- for certification. Cathy lino noted that if the FDA food code proposal goes through, the budget should include training time.

Develop Public Health Policies and Plans- The VNA Community Healthcare provides a number of programs at its Guilford location that are open to Killingworth residents. The VNA will also repeat its fall prevention program at St. Lawrence hall, starting March 14th.

MOTION: Cathy Iino moved and Ernest Pizzutto seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortolì Drew, Cathy Iino, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzutto, Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 5:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be March 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Nesci

Susan Nesci, Secretary