

Public Health Agency  
323 Route 81  
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April 12, 2017  
MINUTES

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

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Fine, Martha Hogan, Michelle Kelvey-Albert

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. The committee toured the Emergency Operations Center. Paul Hutcheon re-introduced Mike Stehney, M.D., who has been appointed to the committee.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Betty Dennis moved and Robin Duffield seconded acceptance of the March 8th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Cathy lino, and Sue Nesci; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Ernest Pizzuto and Mike Stehney. The motion carried 5:0:2.

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

**Paramedics-** Middlesex Hospital has kept in place the \$1/year fee for its paramedic services to the town. This represents a savings of \$6,500 from a proposed fee change.

**Clean-Up Week-** The Girl Scouts and Conservation Commission are sponsoring clean-up week from April 22-29. On April 29, residents can bring the trash they picked-up to the Transfer Station.

**Health Director Update** Paul provided the following updates:

**Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems & Hazards-** Radon kits results to date are:

- 45 radon kits distributed
- 33 results received (3 were overexposed)  
10 (30%) >4 pCi/L (action level)
- 9 still to be used (reminders have been sent)

Paul explained that while 4 is the action level, mitigation should be considered for levels measuring 2-4. He emails or sends a letter and radon fact sheet with the results.

Members asked about results by geographic locations in town. Ernest Pizzuto noted that state health department has a program that will map radon levels by bedrock type and location. Paul added that most of the town is one bedrock type with a small part classified as a second type. He added that a new requirement means that new property foundation will be set up to ventilate for radon.

**Enforce Laws & Regulations- Food establishments-** All food establishments have paid the new annual licensing fee and inspections are up-to-date. Paul will check with the state health department on an application for itinerant food vending on private property that augments an existing business. The proposal is for a covered platform, not

connected to water or sewer, which will be moved to storage for 3 months. The issue is how to interpret what is an itinerant operation. Is it a fixed location that can't be moved or the amount of time in a location? Paul noted that local health departments have different views on the issue.

B-100s- Paul reported that he has been busy reviewing B-100 applications. These are applications for additions on a piece of property. The property needs to have enough area to accommodate a replacement septic system, should the existing system fail. Applications are reviewed by the zoning, health, and building departments.

Pump-Out Reminders - The town has an ordinance requiring septic system pump-outs every five years. The clerk has reviewed records for all 2,800 properties in town and organized those missing reports, as follows:

18 properties	no records ever pumped
62 properties	>15 years past due
54 properties	10-15 years past due

The health department will send a special postcard to these properties explaining that septic systems need to be pumped-out or updated pump-out records provided.

Legislative Update - Paul gave an update on public health legislative proposals.

The following bills are still active:

- Age 21 for tobacco sales
- Regional consolidation of public health service districts
- FDA model food code
- Tax on sweetened beverages (Cathy's addition)

The following bills are no longer active:

- Smoking prohibition in parks
- Public health department consolidation (and 8 bills to prohibit it)
- Statewide housing code

**Develop Public Health Policies and Plans-** The Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) has invited interested residents to a meeting on emergency preparedness on April 20, 6:30pm at the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company in Higganum. The health department is the lead for our Mass Dispensing Area 39. The meeting will include mass dispensing plans, closed points of dispensing (PODs), and recruitment of public health volunteers.

**Assure competent public and personal health care workforce-** Paul attended a Private Well Conference sponsored by the state health department.

**MOTION:** Cathy lino moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Cathy lino, and 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 7:57 pm. The next meeting will be May 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

*Susan M. Nesci*

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