

Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

May 10, 2017
MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Martha Hogan

Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Paul Hutcheon reported that Michelle Kelvey-Albert has submitted a letter of resignation.

Minutes

MOTION: Robin Duffield moved and Betty Dennis seconded acceptance of the April 12th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Cathy Lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Cheryl Fine. The motion carried 7:0:1.

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

Town Budget-Cathy Lino explained that the Board of Selectmen has recommended an increase in the annual town budget of .8%. She noted that the General Assembly has not yet adopted a state budget and may not come to a final budget proposal when they adjourn on June 7. The Governor's proposed budget would cost the town \$2 million more on a budget of \$5 million. She added that it was necessary to move forward on the town budget in order to set a mill rate, have the budget approved in a town meeting, and send out tax bills by the end of June.

Park Trail- The town is completing walking trails in Sheldon Park under grant funds. Remaining funds in the grant will help install some exercise equipment that the Park & Recreation Committee has recommended.

Health Director Update Paul Hutcheon provided the following updates:

Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems & Hazards- A case of salmonella in a resident, who is a health care worker in another town, has been referred to Yale's Food Net for follow-up. Another local health department is also involved. Paul indicated this is one isolated case and there is no community risk.

The committee continued a discussion on radon in wells. A new study of state private wells by the U.S. Department of Interior and Geological Survey has been released. The study sampled wells for arsenic and uranium. The town participated in the study sample. Paul explained that while the study shows that the two types of bedrock in town are not known for arsenic, there is a risk of uranium. New wells are tested for radon/uranium. The committee discussed ways to promote the study's recommendation that well owners test their well water every five years. Ernest Pizzuto added that bedrock wells are not consistent for radon, hence the need to retest. Paul will send out a news release explaining the issue and the new recommendations. Cathy Lino suggested adding the testing recommendation to septic pump-out card reminders.

Inform, Educate, and Empower- Lyme Disease-The committee discussed recent reports from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station indicating an increase in ticks and risk for Lyme Disease this season. Natalie Drew noted that 38% of ticks tested were positive for the Lyme spirochete. Paul will send out a news release on the increase and ways to reduce tick exposure. Cathy lino suggested that the committee distribute information at one of farm markets at Parmalee Farms. Paul indicated he will research available information.

Enforce Laws & Regulations- Salons- Inspections and re-inspections of salons have been completed and all are up-to-date.

Food Establishments- A food service establishment that requested approval for additional seating now has an acceptable number of seats. The first itinerant food vendor (a food cart) in town, which will operate on private property, has been approved.

Well- The well at Sheldon park is now classified as a year-round rather than a seasonal well, even though it is not used for three months. This means that the well will no longer have to be treated before it is used in a new year.

Lead grant- The committee discussed and recommended that funds remaining in this year's lead grant be used to distribute a brochure on renovation guidelines to owners of homes built prior to 1978. Paul noted that any contractor, who renovates an older home, needs to be RRP certified. The grant also funds outreach to pediatricians in the area on lead screening guidelines for children. There was one child with an elevated lead reading this year but no other cases for the prior 13-14 years.

Legislative Update - Paul noted the following legislative bills are still active:

- age 21 for tobacco sales;
- regional consolidation of public health service districts; and
- FDA model food code.

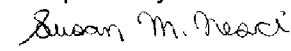
He predicted the regionalization of health department issue will come back next year. The state health department is examining part-time health departments for how well they fulfill essential health benefits.

Develop Public Health Policies & Plans- Dr. Mike Stehney asked if there is any data on the impact of the opioid epidemic in town. Paul reported there is no data to date. Cathy lino said that the Haddam-Killingworth Youth & Family Services did a forum on the issue. Robin Duffield said there have been presentations in the schools.

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Robin Duffield seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 8:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm. The next meeting will be June 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Nesci, Secretary