

Public Health Agency  
323 Route 81  
Killingworth, CT 06419

July 13, 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 and Martha Hogan

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

**Minutes**

Paul requested that the June 14th minutes be amended to delete the following sentence under the Enforce Laws and Regulations section: "The site had removed a kitchen but added a bedroom."

**MOTION:** Betty Dennis moved and Mike Stehney seconded acceptance of the June 14th minutes as amended. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Robin Duffield and Cathy lino. The motion carried 5:0:2.

**First Selectman Update** - Cathy lino provided the following updates:

**Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems & Hazards**-Several residents have questioned the safety of spraying Aqua Neat® Aquatic Herbicide to control vegetation. Cathy distributed the safety data sheet on the product. It contains glycofosate, the same ingredient in Round-Up. Cathy said that a licensed subcontractor has applied the spray once a year for a number of years in areas, such as under guardrails, where town crews can't mow or trim. The town did not use the herbicide last year because the drought dried up the vegetation. She asked for input from the committee. Ernie Pizzuto, RS, said he considers glyphosate safe but caution should be used to prevent spray from getting into waterways because it is toxic to aquatic life. Robin Duffield suggested the following: 1) notify people of the approximate dates of spraying; 2) note that it is done once a year; and 3) include any precautions for people or pets about contact with the spray or sprayed vegetation.

Cathy also asked for committee input on the problem of speeding on town roads and recent accidents. She cited three accidents in June at the intersection of Stevens Road and Route 81. Cathy said that cameras at Budget Dry showed vehicles failing to stop and then pull forward to the corner to check for traffic before entering the intersection. She will ask the state Department of Transportation to look at signage, reposition the stop sign on Stevens Road for better visibility, and cut two trees that block the sight line. Betty Dennis and Sue Nesci added a recommendation to cut a tree by the stop sign on Hemlock Road that blocks the sight line for traffic coming north from the circle on Route 81.

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

**Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems & Hazards**-Lyme Disease- Paul indicated that he is still sending ticks to the CT Agricultural Experiment Station for testing. The Station only tests engorged ticks. He has received a report that one tick tested positive for the Lyme spirochete.

Paul provided brochures and handouts for a training on ticks and Lyme Disease by the CT River Area Health District that the town CERT team attended. He noted that he has received positive feedback on the Lyme prevention exhibit at the June Farmer's Market at Parmalee Farms.

Wells- Paul participated in sanitary surveys by the state health department of the Town Hall well and the Library well. He is following up on issues identified during the survey regarding the Library well.

Betty Dennis asked about permits for lots at Jensen's. Paul explained that the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) regulates sewage disposal permits because it is considered one parcel of land and the flow rate exceeds 50,000 gallons. He noted that DEEP has approved all permits.

**Inform, Educate, and Empower-** Public Health Training- Paul encouraged members to visit the state health department's public health training website at [train.org.ct](http://train.org.ct).

**Enforce Laws & Regulation-** FDA Food Code- Paul noted that legislation passed for the state to adopt the FDA Food Code. This will abolish state regulations. It will require that he complete 32 online units of training and work with a train of trainers on inspections. The FDA code uses different food temperatures, permits other food processing procedures, uses new forms and classifications for restaurants.

Part-time Health Departments - Cathy and Paul met with two representatives from the state health department on June 21. The state health department is assessing part-time health departments for how well they fulfill essential health benefits. As requested, Paul provided copies of every food inspection report from 2015-2017 to date. He has not yet received formal feedback from the visit. Cathy added that she stressed to the state that the town's per capita costs and its current structure (part-time MPH,RS Health Director and volunteer Public Health Agency) make better fiscal and public health sense than joining a health district.

Paul distributed a chart on health district's per capita costs. He explained that a district that receives state funding of \$1.85/capita must cover 50,000 people or three towns. Differences in per capita rates can reflect additional services, such as a public health nurse, or be affected by expenses, such as rental space charges. Ernie noted that subtracting out \$15,000 in fees, the town's per capita is \$6-\$7 or about the middle of the range for health districts. Cathy added that both the Chatham and CT River Area Health Districts have higher per capita rates.

**Develop Public Health Policies & Plans-** Mass Dispensing Site Change- Paul explained that the addition of Haddam's to the CT River Area Health District increased the population and required the addition of a second mass dispensing site. Killingworth's mass dispensing site will now be Winthrop Middle School in Deep River. A mass dispensing site distributes vaccine or medication in case of a public health emergency.

**August meeting canceled**-Paul noted that he will be on vacation during the regularly scheduled August meeting. Natalie Drew suggested the committee cancel the August meeting.

**MOTION:** Cathy lino moved and Robin Duffield seconded a motion to cancel the scheduled August 9th meeting. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield and Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 7:0:0.

**MOTION:** Robin Duffield moved and Betty Dennis seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield and Cathy Iino, 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 8:14 pm. The next meeting will be September 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Nesci*  
Susan Nesci, Secretary