

Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

September 13, 2017
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Ernest Pizzuto, Cheryl Fine, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent:, Martha Hogan, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, and Mike Stehney.

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

Minutes

The following amendments to the July 12th minutes were requested:

- Meeting date was July 12, not July 13
- Second page: Parmelee is misspelled
- Sewage disposal at Jensen's is regulated based on 5,000 not 50,000 gallons

MOTION: Betty Dennis moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the July 12th minutes as amended. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, and Ernest Pizzuto, and ; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Cheryl Fine. The motion carried 4:0:1.

First Selectman Update - Paul Hutcheon reported there was no update.

Health Director Update Paul Hutcheon provided the following updates:

Investigating & Diagnosing Health Problems & Hazards- Paul investigated a complaint of an accumulation of trash and debris at a vacant house, where he noted a hole in the roof. The issue was referred to the Building Inspector for an unsafe structure. He also issued a notice of violation to a property owner regarding mosquito breeding in a swimming pool that appeared not to have been used in years.

Paul consulted with the owner of a house under construction where the well came in with a high uranium level. The owner received a certificate of occupancy after installing a whole house treatment system that leaches into a separate leech area.

A family with a juvenile that had a previous positive test for lead was informed by the health district and state health department of available services and consultation.

A response was sent to a Letter to the Editor in the *Source* questioning the safety of an herbicide used to spray vegetation on the side of town roads. The response included the offer discussed at the June meeting to continue to monitor the safety issue.

Informing, Educating, and Empowering- Uranium/Radon - Paul issued a press release urging the public to test for uranium. Paul also received 50 radon testing kits. The radon kits, information on uranium and radon testing, as well as a list of testing labs were provided at a display at the September Farmer's Market at Parmelee. Ten radon kits were distributed and 40 are still available.

Paul also issued a press release on a smoking cessation program. VNA Community Healthcare is continuing to offer the Sitercise program at St. Lawrence Church from September to December.

Mobilizing Partnerships- Asthma Grant Partnership-Paul signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreeing to support the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) and Middlesex Hospital in their application for a grant from the Connecticut Department of Public Health to offer county-wide the Putting on Airs Asthma program. CRAHD would serve as the fiduciary.

Developing Policies & Plans- Part-time Health Departments-The state Department of Public Health's local health assessment report recommended that the town join a health district. The recommendation was based on the report from last year that suggested the town wasn't meeting all the 10 essential health services. Paul noted that we are correctly meeting all the 10 essential health services, based on our most recent reporting. He added that we need to respond by December with a plan and reference our recent report. A response has been drafted and is in the process of submission.

Enforce Laws & Regulation- Paul requested and received notice that Greg Mattus, RS has been reappointed as the Certified Food Inspector.

Connecting to Health Services- Flu Clinics- Paul reported that a number of flu clinics are planned. The flu clinic dates and times are listed on the Health Department page on the town website as follows:

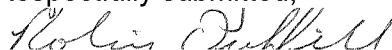
VNA Healthcare	Jensen's Community Clubhouse	October 2	1:00-2:30pm
CT River Area	HK Middle School	October 10	2:00-6:00pm
Health District	HK Fire Station	October 11	3:00-6:00pm
	KW Elementary School	November 1	2:00-6:00pm
KW Family Pharmacy	KW Family Pharmacy	Tues-Thurs.	9:00am-7:00pm

Evaluating Effectiveness, Accessibility, and Quality- FDA Food Code- Paul is continuing to work on completion of pre-requisite courses for certification to enforce the FDA Food Code by next July. It is estimated that it will take 70 hours to complete the pre-requisites. The state legislature adopted the FDA Food Code earlier this year to replace state statutes regulating food preparation and safety.

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Betty Dennis seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, and Ernest Pizzuto. Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 5:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. The next meeting will be October 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Duffield, Member