

Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

April 11, 2018
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield (arrived 7:27), Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci , Ernest Pizzuto, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent: Mike Stehney,

Chair Natalie Ortoli Drew called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Minutes- The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 14th meeting.

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Betty Dennis seconded acceptance of the March 14th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortoli Drew, Betty Dennis, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0. The motion carried 6:0:0.

Paul Hutcheon announced that Martha Hogan submitted a letter of resignation. There are now two vacancies on the committee. Political parties have been notified and asked to make recommendations.

First Selectman Update - Cathy lino provided the following updates:

Diagnose and Investigate Health Problems/Hazards- Herbicide- Cathy provided an update in response to an issue raised at the July 2017 meeting on the safety of an herbicide containing glyphosates. The town sprays the herbicide to control weeds under guard rails on town roads. Spraying will start one day only in May. The contractor will mark sprayed areas with flags. Cathy will include that information in her biweekly *Source* column explaining what the flags denote. She will add that people may want to avoid exposing pets to flagged areas right after the spraying. She noted that the spray the town uses breaks down quickly and is safe for water.

Mobilize Community Partnerships- Farmers' Market- A weekly Farmer's Market during the summer months will be offered on Wednesdays, 4-6pm, beginning in June. The market will be located between the Recycle Way and the Library Paul Hutcheon will issue permits for commercial vendors. The Market Manager will issue permits for farmers. Bonnie Hall from a farm in Westbrook will serve as Market Manager.

Clean-up Day- The Conservation Commission and a local realtor Shelly Cumpstone are sponsoring the third annual Killingworth Clean-up Day on May 5th. Residents will be encouraged to clean up their neighborhood and bring litter and recyclables to Recycle Way. Girl Scout Troop 60779 will give participants Recyclin' Roxie.

Health Director Update Paul Hutcheon provided the following additional updates:

Diagnose and Investigate Health Problems/Hazards- LED Lighting-An employee at the town garage questioned whether there were any health effects from the LED lighting that was newly installed in the garage. There were prior concerns about blue light waves. Paul researched the

issue and contacted the state health department. He advised employees that there were no ill health effects with LED lighting.

Storm-related food safety- Paul contacted the health department covering the town during the power outages from the March snowstorm to arrange for inspections of food establishments. He contacted the remaining establishments to ensure that proper procedures were followed. Procedures for food establishments are on the health department page on the town website. Sue Nesci asked if similar information could be provided for the public. Paul said that he had a press release on the issue on the website under Press Releases. He would investigate if it could be placed under a Emergency Management heading.

Inform, Educate, and Empower About Health Issues -Well Testing- Paul sent out a press release on well testing. The information is also on the health department page on the town website. He distributed a state health department publication on private well testing that included charts on what to test for and on recommended frequency.

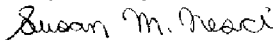
Enforce Laws & Regulations that Protect Health/Safety- Subsurface Sewage Disposal- Paul noted that the new 2018 standards for subsurface sewage disposal require local health departments now to approve a separate wastewater treatment area. This is in addition to the leaching and reserve repair areas already required. Backwashes have to go to this separate leaching area. This includes wastewater from water softeners and other treatment units. Ernest Pizzuto noted that sodium from backwashes can contaminate wells. Paul explained that one issue is that this new leaching area could be taking up potential area required for future repair. Paul said he is beginning to see this separate wastewater treatment area on new home plans. Cathy lino suggested posting a flyer to remind people submitting plans of this new requirement. Paul recommended it also be added to the website. Paul also recommended establishing a separate fee rather than using the B100 fee.

Develop Policies & Plans Supporting Individual/Community Health- Legislative Issues- Paul reported on several proposed legislative bills. Proposed bills included changing the qualifications for health directors, allergy training for food service workers and schools, raising the age for tobacco purchase to 21, and regulating sober homes. He explained that sober homes are a type of halfway house for people recovering from addiction. Cathy lino added that sober homes have to meet basic zoning requirements but can't be zoned out.

School Restructuring- Paul asked if there were any anticipated impact on septic systems from the proposed restructuring of district schools. Robin Duffield explained that even with the proposed changes, all the school buildings will be below capacity, according to the school board meeting.

MOTION: Cathy lino moved and Robin Duffield seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortoli Drew, Robin Duffield, Cheryl Fine, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto; Opposed: 0; Abstentions :0. The motion carried 7:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. The next meeting will be May 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Nesci, Secretary