

Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

June 13, 2018
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.

Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Minutes- The committee reviewed the minutes from the May 9th meeting.

MOTION: Betty Dennis moved and Robin Duffield seconded acceptance of the May 9th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Sue Nesci, and Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Cheryl Fine and Cathy Lino. The motion carried 6:0:2.

First Selectman Update - Cathy Lino reported the following updates:

Mobilize Community Partnerships- Farmers' Market- A weekly Farmer's Market during the summer months began today. It will continue on Wednesdays, 4-6pm, during the summer months in the grassy area between Recycle Way and the library.

Food Truck Night- Robin Duffield added that the HK Middle School Food Truck night was a success in spite of rainy weather.

Diagnose and Investigate Health Problems/Hazards- Herbicide-Cathy provided a further update to an issue raised at the July 2017 meeting on the safety of an herbicide containing glyphosate. The town uses the herbicide to control weeds under guard rails on town roads. Cathy included information on the spraying and safety information in the Krier and on Constant Contact.

She received no complaints from the Krier but four to five strong objections to spraying from Constant Contact users. She and Paul plan to meet with one woman, who is concerned that the herbicide is causing a cluster of triple negative breast cancer in another area of the state. Cathy and Paul said that in their review of the scientific literature to date, they have not found any link to triple negative breast cancer. Paul also followed up with two local health departments in the area cited and the state Tumor Registry and similarly found no information. Ernest Pizzuto questioned the pathway for exposure.

Health Director Update Paul Hutcheon provided the following updates:

Diagnose and Investigate Health Problems/Hazards- Disease Reporting- The committee reviewed the monthly environmental reporting sheet for May. Paul explained that he was having technical issues downloading the communicable disease report for May from the new MAVEN online disease reporting system, which the state health department has instituted.

Mosquito & Ticks - The state has a mosquito trap site in town, which is monitoring for West Nile virus and equine encephalitis. A deer tick submitted for testing to the State Agricultural

Experiment Station came back negative for Lyme disease. Paul noted that testing typically get backlogged, so physicians may start prophylactic treatment with antibiotics before test results are available. Natalie Drew added that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations are to find the tick, consult a health professional, and start antibiotic treatment if there are any symptoms.

Radon Tests- The state health department report on its radon testing program showed that Killingworth had one of the best return rates at 81 percent of the 22 towns that participated in the program. Paul explained that testing for radon in the air as part of a home inspection does not have to be reported. Tests for radon in the water do have to be reported. He noted that the town now has several years of data from tests on radon in the air. He is seeking a student to plot the data in relation to the location of the two types of bedrock in town.

Inform, Educate, and Empower About Health Issues -Paul sent out a press release on mosquito monitoring.

Stop the Bleed Program- Paul attended a program to train first responders and the public to stop bleeding. Cathy lino added that the fire company used the training to stop a bleed two days after the training.

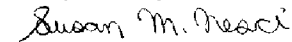
Develop Policies & Plans Supporting Individual/Community Health- Department Budget- The health department's budget proposal for July 2018-June 2019 year was adopted as submitted. Greg Mattis, RS, was reappointed food inspector.

August meeting- Paul will be on vacation during the scheduled August 8th meeting. Robin Duffield and Mike Stehney seconded a motion to cancel the August meeting. After discussion, the committee recommended to delay a decision until the July 11th meeting. The motion was withdrawn.

Cathy lino moved and Betty Dennis seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortolini Drew, 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 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be July 11, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue Nesci, Secretary