

Public Health Agency
323 Route 81
Killingworth, CT 06419

January 9, 2019
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolí Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, Mike Stehney, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

Members Absent: Cheryl Fine, Cathy Iino

Chair Natalie Ortolí Drew called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Minutes- The committee reviewed the minutes from the December 12th meeting. Paul Hutcheon made the following corrections (*italics*):

- Page 1-Staffing- The *department* has two full-time.... He explained that Westbrook is a health department covering a single town, not a health district, which covers three or more towns.
- Page 1-Staffing- Paul noted that *she* is the first full-time *Health Director for the town* and she has been there two years.
- Page 2- Budget- Paul explained that whatever we do, all steps need to be completed by May 31st, *in order to take advantage of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) incentive funding (\$15,000) to join/form a health district.*
- Page 3- Radon Kits- Eliminate sentence - *This means that the radon mapping project started this year will not be continued.* Substitute: *Killingworth could request results but they must be kept in a non-public file, according to the state Department of Public Health (DPH)*

MOTION: Betty Dennis moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded a motion to accept the December 12th minute, as amended. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolí Drew, Betty Dennis, Robin Duffield, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 6:0:0.

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

Health Director Update -Paul reported the following:

Enforce Laws/Regulations that Protect Health & Safety- Cooler Issue- The issue with an exterior cooler at a food establishment in the wrong location was resolved. The cooler was relocated as part of the sale of the business.

Septic Tank Notifications- In December, the department sent out 648 pump-out reminders as part of an effort to update notifications. Paul reporting responding to numerous calls regarding overdue pump-out notifications. He noted that Killingworth has 6,500 residents and 2,500 properties.

Inspections- Paul reported that Greg Mattus, our part-time sanitarian, completed 13 restaurant and two salon inspections in December.

Underground Fuel Storage- Paul reviewed and approved plans for new underground fuel storage tanks for Killingworth Elementary School.

Diagnose & Investigate Health Problems/Hazards- Mosquito-Related Viruses- Paul reported that the state DPH sent out a notice recommending that towns with one pool positive for mosquitoes with West Nile virus or two locally acquired human or equine West Nile virus or equine encephalitis cases consider using larvicide. He explained that larvicide is typically used in the standing water of storm drains. Killingworth has a trap in the southwestern section of town. Paul did a data analysis. Since 2,000, Killingworth had positive mosquitoes in 4 of 19 years: 2012, 2009, 2006, and 2003. There were no consistent cases year after year. Surrounding towns had five cases but no consistent cases year after year. For five surrounding towns, there were no positive mosquitoes in 12 of 19 years. Paul concluded that Killingworth does not seem to meet the state's criteria for use of larvicide. He recommended monitoring and tracking data in ensuing years to see if the pattern changes.

Glyphosphate- Robin Duffield asked about ads on television regarding law suits related to glyphosphate the ingredient in Monsanto's Round-Up. Paul responded that commercial applications pose a different risk than once/year spraying of roadside vegetation that the town does.

Radon- Members had questions on the state DPH directive to keep radon results in a non-public file. They asked if data could be requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI).

Policies & Plans Supporting Individual/Community Health- Options for Local Public Health Services-Paul reported that he not heard back from Guilford or Madison regarding their interest in shared services or a health district. The East Shore Health District contacted Paul regarding Killingworth's interest in their services. They requested to make a presentation. Their district covers East Have, Branford, and North Haven. Paul said their per capita is about in the ballpark we are considering. The committee recommended inviting them to the February meeting.

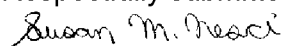
FDA Food Code- Paul reported that state DPH has not yet released regulations to implement the FDA Food Code. The state is still using state regulations. Some changes, such as food temperature requirements, are already in place.

Mobilize Community Partnerships to Solve Health Problems- Mass Dispensing Areas-Paul reported that a committee has been formed to restructure mass dispensing areas (MDAs). the goal is to reduce the number and form a more regional approach. The state currently has 41 MDAs that implement public health emergency response plans. Nationally, most state have far fewer.

MOTION: Robin Duffield moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortolli Drew, Robin Duffield, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0; Abstentions :0. The motion carried 6:0:0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting will be February 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Nesci, Secretary