

Public Health Agency  
323 Route 81  
Killingworth, CT 06419

April 10, 2019  
MINUTES

**Members Present:** Chair Natalie Ortolí Drew, Betty Dennis (arrived 7:07pm), Robin Duffield, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, Mike Stehney, and Health Director Paul Hutcheon.

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Fine,

Chair Natalie Ortolí Drew called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**Minutes-** The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 13 meeting.

**MOTION:** Robin Duffield moved and Mike Stehney seconded a motion to accept the March 13th minutes.. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolí Drew, Robin Duffield, Cathy lino, Sue Nesci, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: Ernest Pizzuto. The motion carried 5:0:1.

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

**Enforce Laws/Regulations that Protect Health & Safety- Raising the Age for Smoking & Vaping**- Cathy said that a constituent requested that the town raise the age to 21 for cigarettes or vaping (e-cigarettes) purchases. She noted that legislation is pending at the state level. Paul Hutcheon added that House Bill 7200, proposes raising the age statewide. Robin Duffield, a middle school science teacher, reported that vaping is a difficult problem in the middle school. She explained that vaping products are small, They can look like a flash drive, pen, or chap stick, making them difficult to detect. Robin added that if the vape product involves an illegal substance, such as a drug, it can result in expulsion. She remarked that there are new sensor that detect changes in humidity in a room from vaping The committee recommended that we wait to see if state legislation passes before taking action locally. If the state doesn't act, we will recommend the town adopt age 21 for local sales. Paul noted that a bill has been submitted to prohibit smoking and vaping on public beaches. Cathy added that Milford has raised the age to 21. She reported that state Senator Christine Cohen will be doing a town hall to hear constituent's concern at the library on April 18 at 6:00pm. Sue Nesci said she would convey the committee's support for raising the age to 21 statewide rather than a patchwork approach by towns.

**Healthy Kids Compliance Training**-Haddam-Killingworth Youth & Family Services is training teens to test underage sales of alcohol, tobacco or vaping products. Two adults accompany the youth attempting to make an underage purchase.

**Smoke Detector Disposal**- Cathy reported that a bill regarding smoke detector disposal has been sent for study. She testified on the issue.

**Health Director Update** -Paul Hutcheon reported the following:

**Policies & Plans Supporting Individual/Community Health- Options for Local Public Health Services**- Paul reported that he is continuing to work on options for local health services. He noted that discussions with Madison and Guilford about forming a health district are still in the

talking place. He added that a decision is unlikely to happen in time for the towns to take advantage of the \$15,000 incentive funding to join or form a health district from the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

FDA Food Code- Paul reported that the state health department has submitted a bill to postpone implementation of regulations for the FDA Food Code until January 2020. Regulations for implementation were supposed to be in place for January 2019. He explained that in the interim there is a problem on how to train new food inspectors. The current system uses a once a year course at Southern Connecticut State University. The FDA Food Code uses online training as well as successful completion of 25 food inspections under the supervision of a training officer.

Nail Salons- A bill has been submitted to require licensure for nail technicians. Paul added that barbers and hairdressers are already licensed. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is clarifying what schools of cosmetology teach.

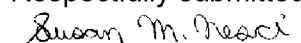
Measles- There was a brief discussion on measles. Mike Stehney, MD, noted that the current vaccine is safe and effective. He added that the state has a high rate of vaccination, unlike some of the state that are currently experiencing outbreaks. He remarked that some medical practices refuse to see pediatric patients whose parents won't get them vaccinated.

Well Training- Robin Duffield reported on a program sponsored by the Pomeraug Watershed Coalition in Southbury to educate new homeowners, especially those moving into a house with a well for the first time, about issues and practices related to wells. She recommended that the town consider adopting the program. Cathy lino noted that there is an effort underway to form a Newcomers Club in town. She suggested that the club might be interested in offering a program. Ernest Pizzuto, RS, applauded the idea but cautioned to avoid having well-related vendors sponsor the program. Paul Hutcheon added that the health department's section on the town's website has information of both owning a well and a septic system. He suggested adding information about septic systems to the training.

**Mobilize Community Partnerships to Solve Health Problems- Mass Dispensing Areas (MDAs)** - Paul reported that the process for restructuring the MDAs from 42 areas to 5 regions has been completed. Chesprocott Health District will take the lead for our region, Region 5. Funding goes to the lead agency with reduced amounts to former areas. Our town does not receive funding.

**MOTION:** Cathy lino moved and Mike Stehney seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Betty Dennis, Natalie Ortoli Drew, Robin Duffield, Cathy lino, 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 8:03 pm. The next meeting will be May 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Sue Nesci, Secretary