

Public Health Agency  
323 Route 81  
Killingworth, CT 06419

July 12, 2024  
MINUTES

**Members Present:** Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, First Selectman Eric Couture, Robin Duffield, Alice Lucas, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, Mike Stehney and Staff from the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD): and Sherry Carlson, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, and Ryan Gregnon, Registered Sanitarian

First Selectman Eric Couture called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Chair Natalie Drew microphone was not working.

### **Minutes**

#### April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting

**MOTION:** Robin Duffield moved and Alice Lucas seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Voting in favor: Eric Couture, Robin Duffield, Alice Lucas, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed: 0. The motion carried: 6:0:1.

**First Selectman Update-** Eric Couture reported the following:

#### **Investigate Health Problems/Hazards Affecting the Community- PFAS-**

Beechwood- The town is waiting on legal counsel regarding returning to a proposed three year pump-out for septic systems in Beechwood. The previous owner used this interval. The current owner is using the five year interval that the town uses for systems. The problem is that the five year interval is too long for the smaller systems. The town also needs to make sure that any new smaller systems adhere to a three year interval.

PFAS- Progress on the PFAS issue is moving slowly both for town hall and Killingworth Elementary School (KES). The KES project won't get down this summer. The town hall campus was tested for remediation. Testing done in affected homes went well. Ryan Grenon added that 3-4 homes had to be retested. Eric said the town is looking at ballpark figures on several options for remediation.

**Health District Report:** Staff from the Connecticut River Area Health District reported the following:

#### **Investigate Health Problems/Hazards Affecting the Community-**

Restaurant Inspections- Ryan Gregnon noted that the Health District responded to several complaints about restaurants. There were also lots of questions about well water.

Tuberculosis Cases- Sherry Carlson added that there continues to be cases of latent tuberculosis. These cases appear to be coming from newcomers from countries where the disease is not well controlled.

Ticks & Mosquitoes- Tick testing is up but so far lab testing shows that all tests were negative.

Flu- Flu vaccine has been ordered. The district is getting out to towns to set up flu clinics. Sherry promised to follow up with Eric on when and where for flu vaccinations in town.

Asbestos- Robin asked about the danger from asbestos tile in homes. Sherry responded that if the tile is intact, it's okay. There is no mandate for testing in children.

Nursing Agency Contact- Alice Lucas asked about directing folks to nursing agencies. She serves as the Parish Nurse for St. Lawrence Church and wanted direction on where to refer folks with medical questions. Sherry responded that medical advice should come from their primary care physician. She also noted that there are several walk-in clinics in the region.

MOTION: Ernest Pizzuto moved and Robin Duffield seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Eric Couture, Robin Duffield, Alice Lucas, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, and Mike Stehney; Opposed:0; Abstentions:0. The motion carried 6:0:0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm. The next quarterly meeting will be October 9.

Sue Nesci  
Secretary

