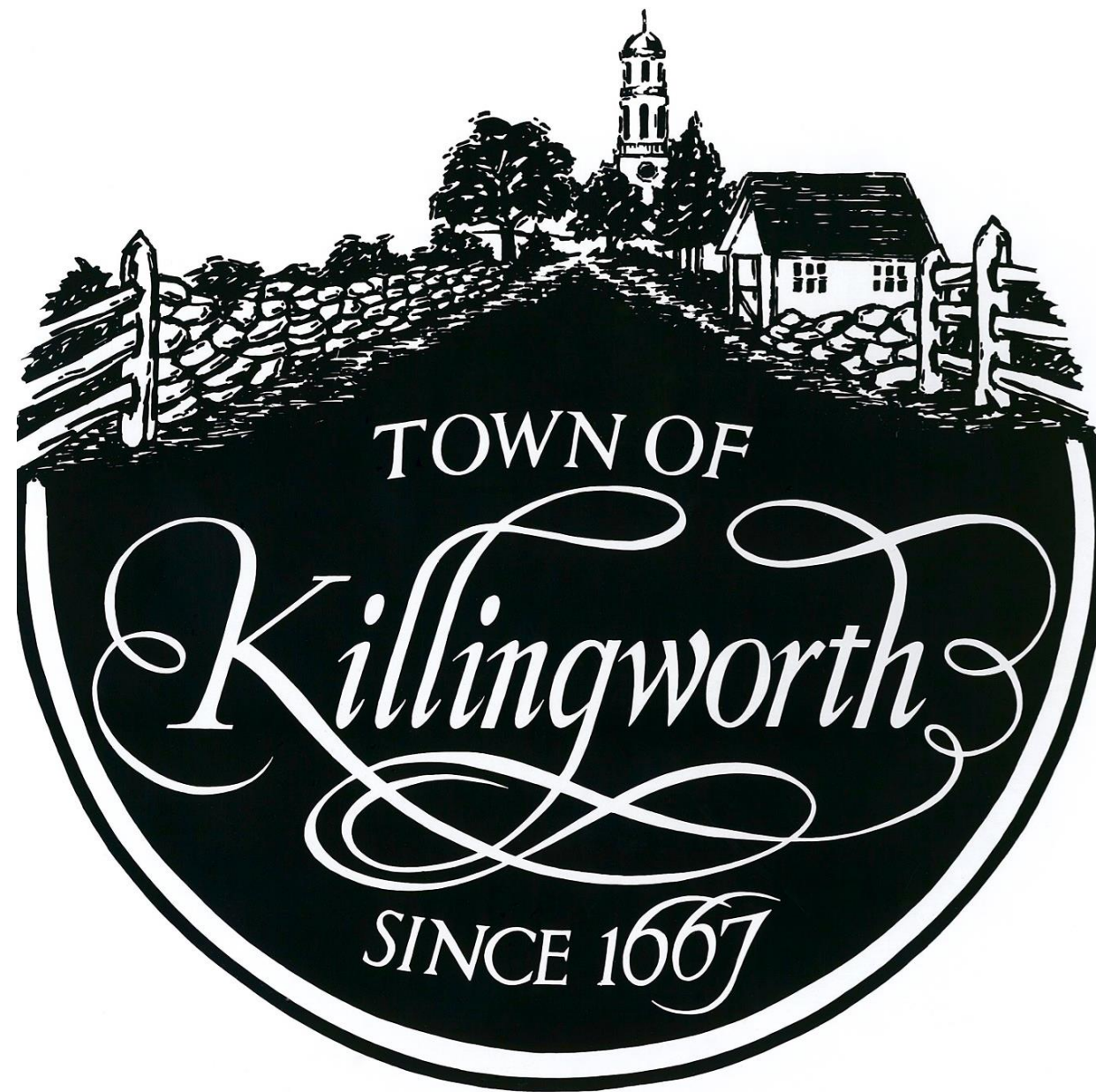


Thursday, January 20,
2022

6PM

Town of
Killingworth
Public Hearing



Agenda

1. A proposal to join the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD).
2. An ordinance which would allow the Board of Selectmen to appoint additional members to the Board of Assessment Appeals.



Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD)

Old Saybrook Clinton Deep River Haddam Chester

1/13/2022

Joining the CT River Area Health District (CRAHD)

Town of Killingworth proposal

Killingworth Population: 6,364

CRAHD per capita rate: \$11.40 per capita.

Yearly cost to Killingworth: $6,364 \times 11.40 = \underline{\$72,550}$

MUNICIPAL BENEFITS • Improves availability of services: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for emergencies
• Ensures a sustainable framework for service delivery by making Districts separate agencies of their constituent municipalities • Gives member towns ability to pool staff, resources, and services in times of need • Improves efficient delivery of local level services and increases DPH's ability to provide oversight, technical assistance and training • Improves municipal ability to address cross-border public health problems by employing a regional approach to services • Improves access to a professional local health department staffed with trained, certified personnel with expertise in a wide variety of public health areas.

PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS • Every Connecticut resident will have access to full-time local public health services • Provides for uniform enforcement of state laws, regulations, codes and ordinances • Promotes health equity throughout Connecticut.

Additional information about CRAHD is available at: www.crahd.info

Scott Martinson MPH, MS, RS
Director of Health

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- Acting Health Director Scott Martinson, MPH, RS
- Sanitarian Services
 - Steven Yenco, RS
 - Rebecca Drew, RS
 - Ryan Grenon, MPA, RS
 - Greg Mattus, RS
 - Alyssa Pannone, Sanitarian

Killingworth Health Director/Sanitarian	2014-Now
Paul Hutcheon	2014 – Mar 2020
Sonia Marino	Apr 2020 – Sep 2020
Interim-Zachary Faiella (Westbrook)	Oct 2020 – Nov 2020
Amy Scholz	Dec 2020 – Nov 2021

Hiring and retaining a highly qualified Health Director/ Sanitarian has been a continuing challenge. Amy Scholz, upon her resignation, indicated Killingworth needed at least a full-time resource.

To maintain Killingworth’s high level of service and uninterrupted coverage, Killingworth entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for 90 days with:

Connecticut River Area Health District	Dec 2021 - Feb 2022
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CRAHD serves 5 member towns, offering multiple service efficiencies:

- Chester
- Clinton
- Deep River
- Haddam
- Old Saybrook

CRAHD creates stability, continuity and consistency of service to Killingworth residents:

- Full access to a team of qualified professionals
- 24/7 availability vs. a single part-time employee

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Current contract with CRAHD:

\$6,045 per month

2021 Budget for part time Health Director /
Sanitarian: **\$51,750 <1,560 hrs.**

5 Year Running Average for Revenues:

\$13,381

Joining CRAHD

**\$72,550/ yr. for full
range of services ***

* 2022 Budget for full time Health Director / Sanitarian,
including benefits, would exceed the cost for joining
CRAHD even after considering lost revenues

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To date, CRADH has been providing:

- Public health monitoring, including PFAS remediation, weekly COVID-19 updates
- On-site sanitarian resources: inspections, plan review and code enforcement

Feedback to date:

- Turnaround time is excellent
- Contractors pleased with the process

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Public Comment

2. An ordinance which would allow the Board of Selectmen to appoint additional members to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Ordinance

- In addition to the regular members of the Board of Assessment Appeals elected pursuant to the Killingworth Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen may appoint additional members to the Board of Assessment Appeals in any assessment year when the Board of Selectmen deems such appointments are necessary or appropriate, as provided under Connecticut General Statute Section 9-199 (c). Each additional member so appointed shall be sworn within 30 days of appointment, and before taking office, or their office will be deemed vacant. The officer administering the oath shall record such fact in the Town Clerk's office. Each additional member shall serve until the expiration year of their appointment. Appointments under this section shall be made in compliance with minority representation rules as set forth in the Killingworth Town Charter. This ordinance expires June 30, 2022.

Rationale

- In anticipation of a high volume of appeals, BAA requests additional staffing to accommodate increased number of meetings.

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Public Comment

Next Steps

1

Incorporate feedback
received tonight

2

Conduct a town meeting in
February for the voters of the
town to accept or reject these
proposals

Thank you