

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for January 5, 2016

Present at meeting:

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman
Philip Brunelli, Member
Donald Raneiri, Member

David McKearney, Health Director
Virginia McNeil, Health Agent
Liz Hoey, Health Inspector – not attending
Mary Ellen Ficco, Administrative Asst.

A motion was made by Chairman Hunchard and seconded by Mr. Raneiri to accept the December 8, 2015 and December 16, 2015 Board of Health meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the December 16, 2015 meeting minutes; Mr. Brunelli abstained from voting on the December 8, 2015 meeting minutes as he did not attend that BOH meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board Chairman and Health Director discussed an upcoming presentation regarding the SPECTRA pipeline.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item on the agenda was a Limited Site Plan, Cold Chain Technologies, at 135 Constitution Blvd. The Board reviewed the plan and voted to approve subject to municipal water and sewer connection and proper dumpster location.

The second item on the agenda was an application for a Definitive Subdivision, Chestnut Street, for Richard Delfino. The Board reviewed the plan and voted to approve subject to municipal water, adherence to Title V septic guidelines, and proper dumpster location.

The next item the Health Director wanted to discuss is a request for a local upgrade approval for installation of a septic system on 157A/169 Maple Street. He provided details explaining that the owners intend to combine the properties into one parcel then they will submit a septic plan for approval. The owners must also provide the Health Department with a deed showing the land transaction. Based on that detail, the Board chairman made a motion to approve the local groundwater upgrade from 4 feet to 3 feet. The board members voted unanimously to approve.

The final item was a discussion regarding a request at the December 8, 2015 BOH meeting for a public hearing regarding Tobacco 21 initiative which calls for purchasers of tobacco products in the Town of Franklin to be 21 or older; this would require the existing bylaw to be changed. The Health Director will obtain the exact text needed for the bylaw update. The Board must discuss first and vote on the update prior to the public hearing. In addition, the public hearing must be advertised 2 weeks prior to the hearing. The Board was looking to March or April for the public hearing.

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

The Health Director and Health Agent provided details to the Board regarding activities of the Health Department for the month of December.

The Board Chairman as if there is was additional new business. There was none.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Brunelli, seconded by Mr. Raneiri and voted unanimously by the Board.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Transcribed by Mary Ellen Ficco, Administrative Assistant for the Franklin Health Department.