

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**  
**Board of Health Minutes for January 10, 2017**

**Present at meeting:**

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman

Philip Brunelli, Member – not attending

Donald Raneiri, Member

David McKearney, Health Director

Virginia McNeil, Health Agent

Liz Hoey, Health Inspector – not attending

Mary Ellen Ficco, Administrative Asst.

Visitors: Alycia Felli, Shelbi Steinbacher, Karelyn Pokorny, Max Rosen - proposed ban on plastic bag use

Mr. Raneiri made a motion to accept the December 6, 2016 monthly Board of Health meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by the Chairman. The Board members approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Board Chairman asked if there was any old business.

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A group of Franklin High School students presented their proposal for a bylaw in the Town of Franklin regulating the use of plastic bags. The group presented their information and asked for feedback from the Board. The next step is for the group to make a second presentation of their proposal to the Town Council. The Board Chairman and Health Director thanked the group for their presentation.

The next item on the agenda for New Business was a Definitive Subdivision Plan, Acorn Place, Acorn Hill Estates. The Board chairman reviewed the Definitive Subdivision Plan and the board accepted it subject to municipal water and adherence to Title V septic.

The third item to be discussed was a Site Plan Modification at New England Treatment Center, 5 Forge Parkway. The Health Director explained that he had written a letter to the Planning Dept. prior to this BOH meeting because they would be meeting the evening before our BOH meeting. He provided details about the letter explaining that he opposes the expansion until a plan to effectively mitigate orders from the plant are addressed. The Board Chairman reviewed the plans and approved it subject to municipal water and sewer, and proper dumpster placement.

Fourth on the agenda was a Definitive Subdivision Plan for Maple Reserve, Maple Street. The Board chairman reviewed the Definitive Subdivision Plan and the board voted to accept it subject to municipal water and adherence to Title V septic.

The next item was to discuss a septic upgrade request on 14 Martha's Way. The Health Director explained that the homeowners want to upgrade their septic system in order to add another bedroom to the house. Due to the size of the lot and the fact that the property is within the Water Resource Protection District only the Town Council can override the existing guidelines and allow the septic upgrade.

The Health Department Preliminary FY18 Budget was the last item on the agenda for New Business. All members received a copy. After discussion and review the Chairman made a motion to approve the Budget; it was approved by unanimous vote.

The Chairman asked if there was any other new business.  
There was no further new business.

### **HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT FOR DECEMBER**

The Health Director provided details to the Board regarding activities of the Health Department for the month of December. In addition he provided an update to the Board regarding some contentious issues he has been dealing with:

- Noise control issue caused by Panera Bread that the land owner feels will impact planned buildings on West Central Street location.
- The Health Director received complaints from individuals claiming asphalt materials are being used as fill in areas around new housing on Upper Union Street.

The Board Chairman asked if there was additional new business.

There was no other new business.

The Board Chairman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Raneiri seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

Transcribed by Mary Ellen Ficco, Admin. Asst. for the Franklin Health Department.