

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**  
**Board of Health Minutes for September 13, 2016**

**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.

Guests: L. Bederian, Mark Theriot, Sue Theriot, William Bertoni

Mr. Ranieri made a motion to accept the August 2, 2016 monthly Board of Health meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hunchard and approval was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Board Chairman asked if there was any old business. There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the options for replacing the failing septic system located at 360 West Central Street. Sue Theriot spoke on behalf of her aging relatives currently living at the address. She explained that the homeowners currently are forced to have the system pumped every 2-3 weeks which is very costly. She has contacted multiple contractors on the list provided by DPW for connection to the Town sewer system on Beaver Street; thus far, only one estimate was submitted in the amount of \$68,750 from Norfolk Engineering. Ms. Theriot is requesting that the homeowners be given the option to have a septic system installed.

After the Chairman reviewed the plan from Norfolk he inquired about the discussion the Health Director had with the town engineer. The Health Director and town engineer felt the connection would be at the manhole close to the existing building on the property, however, the plan suggests connecting to the manhole closer to the RR tracks.

The Health Director stated that the issue needs to be addressed sooner than later. He recommended having perc testing done on the site for the possibility of having an onsite system installed. He feels there may be ground water going to the system causing the need for frequent pumping.

The Chairman's opinion is that the homeowners would be better off with town sewer connection going forward. He gave the go ahead to have the soil conditions tested.

Guest Larry Bederian asked if a diversion system could be installed, however, the Health Director stated that those systems are not approved in MA.

Mr. Raneiri asked if the land is zoned commercial; confirmed that it is.

To conclude the discussion, the Health Director explained the steps for Mr. Theriot to take in order to have the perc test done as well as fees for the process.

Next, guest William Bertoni addressed the Board. His attendance was a follow up to a previous visit to the Health Department where he requested a letter from the Health Director he can submit to the power company stating he has a serious medical issue. The

Health Director explained to Mr. Bertoni again the regulations under which a person can appeal to the power company to keep the power on, regardless of non-payment. The Health Director does not have authority to certify Mr. Bertoni's medical condition; he has to have any certifying documents signed by Mr. Bertoni's physician. In addition, the Health Director provided Mr. Bertoni with instructions on how to obtain assistance for utilities based on financial hardship.

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

### **HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT FOR AUGUST**

The Health Director provided details to the Board regarding activities of the Health Department for the months of August.

The Board Chairman asked if there was additional new business.

Mr. Raneiri inquired about what will be stored in the new warehouses in former Putnam Investments area. The Chairman said we do not know yet, but the new tenants will have to obtain approval before moving in.

Lastly, the Health Director brought the board up to date regarding BJAT cleanup project. EPA will be meeting Thursday at the Fisher Street location and the Health Director will receive an update on the cleanup progress.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

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