

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for November 6, 2019

Present at meeting:

Bridget Sweet, Chair
Timothy Cochrane, Jr.

David McKearney, Health Director
Virginia McNeil, Health Agent

Guests:

None.

The Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting. Mr. Cochrane made a motion to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded by Ms. Sweet. It was voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Animal Regulations.** The Board Chair tabled the Animal Regulation to give the new Board members a chance to review the existing regulation. She asked that the Health Director provide a copy of the animal regulation to the Board members, and to be discussed at a future meeting. The Board Chair would like the Health Department regulation to not conflict with the current zoning regulation relative to animals. The Board Chair also stated that a rewrite on the animal regulation can wait until a new Health Director is on board.

NEW BUSINESS

Welcome new Board Members and Reorganization of the Board. The Board Chair stated that the Board would reorganize at the December meeting since all new Board members were not present. The third member elected was a write in candidate and at the time of the meeting was not official yet.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

The Health Director provided an update relative to EEE. The State published a map showing areas that have already experienced a frost. The Health Department received a phone call from a concerned citizen wanting the Health Department to cancel Halloween. The Health Director felt the risk was very low since there has been a significant reduction in mosquito population and colder temperatures at night. Director McKearney feels we can put this year's threat behind us; however, the Director also stated that the threat for mosquito-borne illness will likely remain high for the next 2-3 years.

The Building/Health Department is losing an Administrative Assistant effective Nov 7th. This will be a challenge to the Health Department moving forward due to the large number of permits and licenses that must be processed in the month of December.

The Chair opened the floor for any other new business.

The Board Chair asked if there was any citizens' commentary. There was none.

A motion was made by Mr. Cochrane to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sweet and the meeting was voted unanimously to adjourn.

The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 5:00 pm in Room 106.

Transcribed by: Virginia McNeil, Health Agent