

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for November 8, 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.

Guests: Kristen Leehouts, Sarah Wheller (Bridgewater State University students for observation purposes)

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

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 variance request for Franklin Public School cafeterias use of time as a public health control. The Health Director explained the request to the Board, adding that he could foresee no problem with the food being compromised. The Board Chairman asked if the Health Director felt the procedure outlined is adequate and the Health Director confirmed it is. Mr. Brunelli made a motion to grant the request, Mr. Raneiri seconded the motion, and all members voted to approve the request based upon proper recordkeeping at each location.

Next on the agenda was a request from a resident to be allowed chickens at his home at 132 Forest Street. A neighbor has been in touch with the Health Dept. to complain about chickens the homeowner had. Since the initial complaint the Health Director has spoken with the homeowner and explained that the Zoning Dept. has to first approve the site before the Health Dept. can review and approve/deny a permit. The Board agreed to approve the request based on the homeowner abiding by Zoning Dept. rules.

The third and last new business was a Site Plan and Special Permit at 0 Pond Street. The Board Chairman reviewed the plan and determined there is no direct involvement by the Health Dept. based on the property having municipal water and sewer and proper dumpster placement.

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

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT FOR OCTOBER

The Health Director provided details to the Board regarding activities of the Health Department for the month of September.

The Board Chairman asked if there was additional new business.
The Health Director then reported on two issues.

The first issue was the installation of a septic system by Marinella Construction without our knowledge on October Drive. Fill has been sitting for 6 years without any construction. The house is now built. The Health Director noticed infiltrator pipes during a recent inspection in the area. When he telephoned Heritage Engineering for an explanation they stated the company is no longer involved; the Health Director then contacted Andrews Engineering. He explained that no Certificate of Compliance will be issued until the fill is removed and replaced and a sieve analysis is performed.

The second issue was to give notice to the Board that Raggs Septic Inc. of Concord, MA was seen pumping septic in Franklin without a permit. The Health Director placed several telephone calls to the company but no one returned his calls. He recommends no permit be issued to Raggs Septic Inc.

Mr. Brunelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Raneiri seconded the motion.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

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