

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for March 8, 2017

Present at meeting:

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman	David McKearney, Health Director
Philip Brunelli, Member	Virginia McNeil, Health Agent
Donald Raneiri, Member – not attending	Liz Hoey, Health Inspector – not attending
	Mary Ellen Ficco, Administrative Asst.

Visitors: George Julakis Franklin Mobil and Hiren Patel of Franklin News

Approval of the meeting minutes for the February Board of Health meeting were tabled until the April BOH meeting as Mr. Raneiri was not in attendance at this meeting and Mr. Brunelli was not in attendance at the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board Chairman asked if there was any old business. Hearing none he proceeded to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The FDA notified Health Director, David McKearney of two tobacco violations in Franklin during sting operations they conducted. Consequently, the two business owners were requested to attend the meeting. The Health Director provided the Board members with an overview of the infractions and our limitations for doling out punishment as written in the town's tobacco bylaw. Since no one from the Franklin Health Dept. witnessed the violations and FDA is not part of the Franklin Health Dept. we cannot issue a fine as detailed in our tobacco regulations. The Board Chairman suggested the current Tobacco regulations be updated to name the FDA as an arm of the BOH during such time as conducting tobacco "sting" operations; thus allowing the BOH to enforce the tobacco regulations as written.

Individually the store operators came before the Board. First was Mr.Hiren Patel from Franklin News, 36-38 Main Street; followed by Mr.George Julakis of Franklin Mobil, 660 W.Central Street.

Each business operator was given an opportunity to explain how the infraction could have occurred. The Board chairman warned each of the gentlemen that if there is another infraction their permit to sell tobacco products will be revoked.

The Board Chairman asked if there was any other new business. Site Plan Modification and special Permits (2) for 511-515 East Central Street was the next agenda item. The Board Chairman reviewed the plan and had no comments subject to municipal water and sewer, and proper dumpster placement.

The next and final item under New Business was s Site Plan Modification, Change of Use, 90 Hayward Street. After reviewing the Site Plan Modification the Chairman had no objections subject to town water and sewer, and proper dumpster placement.

There was no further new business.

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017

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

The Board Chairman asked if there was additional new business.
There was no other new business.

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

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

The next Board of Health meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

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