

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for December 5, 2017

Present at meeting:

Donald Ranieri Jr., Chairman
Bridget Sweet, Vice Chairman
Philip Brunelli, Clerk

David McKearney, Health Director
Virginia McNeil, Health Agent
Liz Hoey, Health Inspector- not in attendance
Mary Ellen Ficco, Administrative Asst

Visitors: Maguro House owners Virginia Kong, Mei Fang Lee, plus a concerned customer

Mr. Brunelli opened the meeting by welcoming the new member, Bridget Sweet. He then gave thanks to Mr. Hunchard for his years of service to the Board.

The Board members reviewed the meeting minutes for the November 7, 2017 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Raneiri made a motion to accept minutes; Mr. Brunelli seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was the discussion of reorganization of the Board of Health. The floor was opened to nominations for Chairman. Mr. Ranieri nominated himself for the position; Ms Sweet seconded the nomination. Next, Mr. Brunelli nominated himself for the Chairman position; there was no second for the nomination. All members voted AYE to Mr. Ranieri being named Chairman. Next, Mr. Brunelli nominated Ms. Sweet as Vice Chairman and Mr. Ranieri seconded, All members voted AYE to Ms. Sweet as Vice Chairman. Mr. Ranieri nominated Mr. Brunelli as Clerk. All members vote AYE.

The meeting proceeded with Mr. Ranieri as Chairman.

Under new business the Health Director suggested a new day and time for the Board to meet in order to make the meetings more accessible to the public. It was decided by the Board to schedule future meetings of the Board of Health on the first Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m.

The next item was a hearing for Maguro House regarding critical issues at the restaurant that have been detected during inspections from the Health Dept. (mostly in the sushi area). The owners of the Maguro House were present plus an interested person. After a Nov 15 inspection resulted in multiple critical violations the Health Director suspended sushi sales and acidification of rice until the owners can provide an explanation for the violations. The owners were requested to attend a hearing at the December 5, 2017 BOH meeting.

The Health Director provided an overview of what deficiencies were found during inspections. He explained that the acidification of rice and the preparation of sushi products requires a variance from the Health Dept., which the owners have violated on several occasions. The owners were instructed to hire a food safety consultant to review and update their HACCP plan and to provide additional food safety training. These requirements are to be completed no more than 30 days from the hearing date. The Health Director explained they are on probationary status. He reminded them they need to provide documentation they have done as instructed by the Board. He will put all of the demands in a letter to the owners.

Review of the Health Department Body Art Regulations was next under New Business. Due to multiple inquiries about the town's requirements for permanent tattooing in the area of eyes the Health Director felt it was important to bring the matter to the Board for discussion. Each Board member was provided a copy of the current regulations for review. The Health Director feels the current regulations do not address the matter specifically and was looking for direction as to how to proceed next. Ms. Sweet found other municipalities with existing regulations. Mr. Ranieri suggested the Board members review and compile information from other towns and bring that to the next Board meeting. Ms. Sweet seconded. All Board members were in agreement.

Next under New Business was a Site Plan Modification for McDonald's. After discussion the Health Director stated he wants to hold off on a decision until he receives additional detailed information on the proposed changes.

The final discussion regarded tobacco violations at Franklin Mobil, 660 West Central Street. The Health Director recently received a notice from MHOA informing him that the FDA fined the business \$565.00 after selling tobacco products to a minor a second time. In addition, the Health Director observed an employee smoking next to the establishment door. Two months later, the same person and same violation was observed. Since we did not observe the FDA violation we cannot go after them for it. Mr. Brunelli suggested the Health Dept. obtain \$2500 from the Town Administrator to perform a sting operation at the location. Mr. Ranieri seconded the motion, all voted AYE.

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER

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

Under Additional New Business the Board Chairman suggested the department order a plaque to present to Mr. Hunchard for his years of service. That was not approved due to budget constraints.

The Board Chairman asked if there was any citizen's commentary. There was none.

Mr. Ranieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms Sweet seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 5 p.m.

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