

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for October 3, 2018

Present at meeting:

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

David McKearney, Health Director
Virginia McNeil, Health Agent

Visitors:

Ed Greg Close, 19 James Street
Kelsey London, 23 James Street
Rick Goodreau, United Consultants
Bruce Hunchard, 496 Summer Street

The Board members reviewed the meeting minutes for the September 5, 2018 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Brunelli made a motion to accept the minutes; Ms. Sweet seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Draft Revision of the Franklin Tobacco Regulations.** The Health Director presented the draft revision to the Board. The Board Chairman recommended the Board members review the regulations and discuss them at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Variance request for new construction, map and parcel 297-101-000 James Street, Request for reduction and separation from leaching trenches to two adjacent wells at 19 James St. and 23 James St.** The Health Director stated the plan had been reviewed by the Health Department and will also require a deed restriction to allow only 2 bedrooms because of the lot size. If the Board grants the variance, the plan will be approved once the Health Department receives the well results. Rick Goodreau, from United Consultants presented the plan to the Board. Mr. Close, 19 James St, had concerns about potential damage to his well. After much discussion, Mr. Close was in favor of this variance. Ms. London, 23 James St., attended the meeting to support this project, stating “she would love to have a neighbor instead of trees”. Mr. Ranieri made a motion to approve the variance for reduction and separation from leaching trenches to two adjacent wells; Ms. Sweet seconded it and Mr. Brunelli abstained.
- **Second request from Sierra Club/MAHB for Franklin BOH to sign a letter to Governor Baker relative to the dangers of natural gas.** The Board would like to review the materials and vote on this matter at a future meeting.
- **New complaints of noxious odor from Garelick Farms Plant, 1199 West Central Street.** In 2009, the Health Department received many complaints regarding noxious odor coming from Garelick Farms. The Health Department sent an order letter requiring Garelick Farms to abate the issue. Garelick Farms

submitted a plan to DEP rectifying the problem and DEP granted Garelick Farms a permit. Recently the Health Department started to receive complaints regarding odors from Garelick Farms again. The Health Director contacted Michelle Delmar from DEP and she will conduct a comprehensive investigation and will notify the Health Department with the findings.

- **Limited site plan modification, 471 West Central Plaza.** The Board granted approval subject to municipal water and sewer connection, proper dumpster location and full compliance with the Federal and State Food Code.

Health Director's Report for September 2018

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

The Board Chairman asked if there was any additional new business and there was none.

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

Mr. Brunelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Ranieri seconded the motion and the meeting was voted unanimously to adjourn.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 5:00 pm in Room 106.

Transcribed by Virginia McNeil, Health Agent for the Franklin Health Department.