

Town of Franklin

Board of Health

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Board of Health Meeting Minutes for September 5th, 2008

Present at meeting:

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman
Paul J. Cheli, Vice-Chairman
Donald G. Ranieri, Jr., Clerk
David McKearney, RS, Director/Health Agent
Emily Coyne, Assistant Agent
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The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

The minutes of the August 1st, 2008 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written, unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor for old business. The Health Director updated the Board on the Teppanyaki Restaurant enforcement action. The Health Director spoke to Attorney Padula who confirmed that the employees at Teppanyaki are completing the training program, but the Health Department has not received documentation confirming the training. The food safety consultant has been contracted for three site visits to Teppanyaki, with additional remedial training as necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item discussed was the site plan and special permit for Dunkin Donuts located at 438 West Central Street. Board members, Bruce Hunchard and Donald Ranieri, recused themselves citing the Rule of Necessity as done in the previous meeting. Mr. Cheli made the motion to grant approval subject to municipal water and sewer connection, proper dumpster location, and compliance with the State Food Code Chapter X.

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Next the Board had a discussion to establish regulations for the use and installation of outdoor wood fired boilers. The Health Director presented a draft of a proposed regulation based on the Town of Milford, the Town of Bellingham, and State regulations. It was decided by the Board to review the draft regulation and discuss it at next month's meeting. They also agreed to discuss the fee for site inspection and plan review, so that the Health Director would be able to present it to the Town Council.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion relative to public access of restaurant inspections. Mr. Hunchard felt strongly that the inspection report should be published on the Board of Health website. He feels the restaurant owners would do a better job if the public had easy access to this information. The Health Director stated that the public already has access to this information, by coming into the office and making a request to see the file. Mr. Cheli had concerns that it would cause friction between the Health Department and restaurant owners. He was also worried about any negative impact it would have on the livelihood of a restaurant if someone read the report and misconstrued its violations. Mr. Ranieri agreed with Mr. Cheli to keep things the way we are doing them now. The board concluded that for now we would put the agenda and the minutes on the website starting with our October meeting. They also wanted us to look into comparable towns and see if any of them were posting restaurant inspection reports on their website. Mr. Hunchard stated that the minutes would be a month behind because they need to be approved by the Board before they are posted.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report of the Franklin Health Department for August 2008.

The Chairman then opened the floor for any other new business.
There was none.

Motion to adjourn was unanimous. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Friday, October 3rd, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

Transcribed by Virginia M. McNeil, Secretary for the Board of Health