



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

355 East Central Street

Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352

Board of Health Meeting Minutes for April 8th, 2009

Present at meeting:

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman

Paul J. Cheli, Vice-Chairman, Absent

Donald G. Ranieri, Jr., Clerk

David McKearney, RS, Director/Health Agent

Emily Coyne, Assistant Health Agent

Virginia McNeil, Administrative Assistant

Visitors present:

Shiraz Daya, property owner, 13 Mercer Lane

Steven M. Cabral, Crossman Engineering, Inc.

Michael Catalano, In Line Associates

Walter Brady, property owner, 45 Mill Street

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

The minutes of the March 13th, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor for old business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item on the agenda was a variance for local upgrade approvals at 45 Mill Street. The first request was to increase the amount of cover over the soil absorption system. The second request was a variance for a reduction in separation from the leaching area to the foundation from 20 feet to 19 feet. After consultation with the engineer/designer, the Board voted unanimously to approve both requests for the local upgrades.



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The next item discussed was a request for a variance for local upgrade approval at 13 Mercer Lane. This request is for a reduction in separation to ground water from 4 feet to 3 feet. The engineer for the homeowner explained the necessity for the plan revisions and the reasoning for adding a pump chamber. After review of the materials presented, the board voted unanimously to approve the variance request as submitted.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report of the Franklin Health Department for March 2009. The Health Director's report highlighted some recent difficulty with two food establishments in town. Both Lee's Kitchen and the Cottage Street Pub had less than satisfactory inspections with 7 critical violations each. The Health Director advised the board of his intentions to ask the board to convene a hearing with the owners of these establishments, if conditions do not improve significantly in the very near future.

The Board of Health Chairman requested that the Health Director research some of the alternative septic systems approved for installation by DEP for review by the board at a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn was unanimous. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Friday, May 1st, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

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