



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

355 East Central Street

Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352

Board of Health Meeting Minutes for June 12th, 2009

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 Health Agent

Virginia McNeil, Administrative Assistant

Visitors present:

Lisa Abbondanza, College Student

Ray Yarmac, Sci-Tech

Donald Nielson, Guerriere & Hanlon Inc.

Gill Barlow, Prime Solutions

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

The minutes of the May 1st, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

An overview of the operational plans for a proposed digester gas cogeneration at Garelick Farms was presented by Donald Nielson of Guerriere & Hanlon Inc, Ray Yarmac of Sci-Tech, and Gill Barlow of Prime Solutions. A grant of \$300,000 was received from the state to develop the cogeneration plant at Garelick Farms. The proposed generator would capture gases from the stack and direct it to five micro generators. This would generate electricity and hot water which would serve the manufacturing plant, and help to heat the anaerobic sludge in the reactors as well. This will result in a savings to Garelick Farms in the form of less electricity and gas use. The Health Director questioned if the generators would produce any discernable vibration, which was described as minimal by Mr. Yarmac. Mr. Cheli had concerns regarding security measures to protect the equipment, and suggested a fence should be installed around the generators.



Next on the agenda was the public hearing of the Outdoor Wood Burning Bylaw Amendment. The Franklin Health Department was instructed by DEP to amend our Wood Burning Bylaw which was passed by the Board of Health on November 7, 2008. The dates of operation were changed to reflect the state's requirements of April 15th to October 1st. The Board was also advised to eliminate #10 of the requirements so that there would be no exceptions to the boiler requirements. Finally the board was prompted to change the enforcement penalties. Our previous penalties were too low and were adjusted to the State requirements. The Health Director stated that once these recommendations were made, it would be sent back to the lawyer at DEP to be reviewed. The Board voted unanimously to sign the Outdoor Wood Burning Boiler Amendment and send it to DEP for approval. Once DEP notifies the Health Department of approval, the Health Department would publish the amendment in its entirety in the Milford Daily News. It would then be given to the Town Clerk for publication in the Town's Bylaws.

The site plan modification of Garelick Farms was discussed by the Board and Mr. Cheli made a recommendation to construct a security fence around the gas generating equipment. The Board voted unanimously for this recommendation.

The site plan review of 27 Forge Parkway, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc., was discussed by the Board. The Board of Health unanimously voted approval subject to municipal water and sewer connection, and proper dumpster location.

The Board also received the 2009 Vegetation Control Plan from the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad, which was submitted for informational purposes only.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report for May 2009. The Health Director discussed the monthly activities of the Health Department.

The Chairman opened the floor for any other new business. Mr. Cheli reiterated his concern regarding Teppanyaki Restaurant's performance. Mr. Cheli would like the Health Department to continue their inspections with vigilance. It was also recommended that they come before the Board before renewal of their Food Establishment permit which expires on September 9, 2009.

Motion to adjourn was unanimous. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Friday, August 7th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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