



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

355 East Central Street
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352

Board of Health Meeting Minutes for August 14th, 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:

Rich Aucoin

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

The minutes of the June 12th, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor for any old business. The inspection results of the Teppanyaki Restaurant were discussed by the Health Director. At the time of the last inspection, there were no critical violations cited. The Health Director also remarked that he had noted a consistent pattern of improvement relative to compliance with food code regulations. The Board Chairman recommended an additional unannounced inspection be conducted before the next meeting. The Chairman also requested the owners of Teppanyaki to appear before the board at the September meeting prior to the re-issuance of their food establishment permit.

NEW BUSINESS

The site plan modification of Garelick Farms and the definitive subdivision plan for Lakeview Terrace were discussed as new business. The Board Chairman stated that both plans have been approved by the Planning Board and therefore did not need any comment.

An update on the H1N1 Influenza was provided by the Health Director. Since the target group for the H1N1 vaccine is school-aged children, the focus of the Health Department's efforts will be to set up vaccination clinics in the public schools if necessary. There have been several meetings with the Health Department and school administration to plan for possible mass vaccination of the target population. The first allocation of the H1N1 vaccine should be available sometime in mid October. The



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Health Department has recruited a group of medical volunteers to assist us in our vaccination clinics. All volunteers' pertinent contact information has been entered into the Police Department's Connect CTY data base. This will allow the Health Department to contact our medical volunteers quickly in the event of a Public Health emergency.

Mr. Rich Aucoin, a visitor at the meeting, inquired if the Board of Health planned on mandating H1N1 vaccinations. Mr. Aucoin cited Chapter 111, section 181 of the Massachusetts Code which states "*Boards of Health, if in their opinion it is necessary for public health or safety, shall require and enforce the vaccination and revaccination of all the inhabitants of their towns, and shall provide them with the means of free vaccination. Whoever refuses or neglects to comply with such requirement shall forfeit five dollars*". The Health Director stated it is solely an individual decision whether or not to consent to vaccine administration. Mr. Aucoin also asked about informed consent and the Health Director advised Mr. Aucoin that no mandatory vaccinations are planned and that a vaccine information sheet will be provided with the vaccine along with consent forms.

The Senior Center is scheduling the seasonal flu clinic at the end of October. The Health Director would like to see earlier seasonal flu vaccinations if possible.

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

The Chairman opened the floor for any other new business. The Assistant Health Agent announced that she would be leaving the Health Department in January 2010 to pursue a nursing degree.

Motion to adjourn was unanimous. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Friday, September 4th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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