



# Town of Franklin

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

355 East Central Street  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352

### Board of Health Meeting Minutes for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

#### Present at meeting:

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman  
Paul J. Cheli, Vice-Chairman  
Donald G. Ranieri, Jr., Clerk

David McKearney, RS, Director  
Emily Coyne, Assistant Health Agent  
Virginia McNeil, Admin Assistant

#### Visitors present:

Brian Taberner, Director of Community Planning & Development

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

The minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written by the Board.

#### OLD BUSINESS

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

Brian Taberner, Director of Community Planning & Development appeared before the board to discuss proposed changes to the biotechnology overlay district. Mr. Taberner stated that biotechnology companies must apply for a permit from the Town Council in addition to the Health Department application and permit. The changes to the regulations would eliminate the seemingly redundant permit required from the council. Secondly, eleven parcels of land from "industrial zoning" will be added to the biotechnology district. Currently there are no biotech companies in the town; these changes will be made in order to attract future interest from these companies. Mr. Taberner explained to the board the importance of eliminating obstacles for the prospective companies; these companies provide all career levels from entry to professional thus creating job opportunities. These companies would also create revenue for the town from taxes and annual permitting fees.

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

Motion to adjourn was unanimous. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Transcribed by Emily Coyne, Assistant Health Agent for the Board of Health.

