



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

355 East Central Street
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352

Board of Health Meeting Minutes for November 6th, 2009

Present at meeting:

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman
Paul J. Cheli, Vice-Chairman - absent
Donald G. Ranieri, Jr., Clerk
David McKearney, RS, Director

Emily Coyne, Assistant Health Agent
Virginia McNeil, Admin Assistant -
absent

Visitors present:

Bryan Taberner, Director of Community Planning & Development
Ann Rinald, Café at the Crossing
David Thomas, Café at the Crossing

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

The minutes of the October 2nd, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Bryan Taberner, Director of Community Planning returned to discuss proposed changes to the Franklin Board of Health biotechnology by-law. Mr. Taberner reiterated that the proposed changes would streamline the application and permitting process in order to attract biotechnology companies to Franklin. The applicant would be able to run concurrent applications through Community Planning and Development and the Health Department. Mr. Taberner also suggested that the Board of Health hold an open hearing for every application so the public has an opportunity to voice comments and concerns. The Board agreed to hold a hearing during each application process.

Next under "old business" the Director gave an update on the H1N1 vaccine situation. He stated that to date the Health Department had received 500 doses and is slated to receive an additional 100 doses. It is unclear at this time when an H1N1 flu clinic will be possible because of lack of vaccine. The Director asked the boards opinion on the possibility of vaccinating the volunteer medical staff. The board discussed the ramifications of giving and not giving the vaccines and ultimately agreed that the volunteers meet the parameters of the "direct care" target group, and that giving the vaccination would be a useful retention tool.



The chairman opened the floor for any other old business, there was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives of the "Café at the Crossing", Owner Mr. David Thomas and Manager Ann Rinald, appeared before the board to discuss critical violations of the Massachusetts State Food Code. The Assistant Health Agent gave a brief overview of the situation stating that lack of; sanitizer, cleanliness, proper oversight and responsiveness from the owner were contributing factors to their continued noncompliance. The Board Chairman then addressed Mr. Thomas who cited personal issues as cause for the on-going problems in his establishment. Mrs. Rinald stated she is now the new manager and will be on full time to bring the establishment into compliance. The Health Director instructed the owner to have at least one food safety certified individual employed at the establishment at which time Mrs. Rinald stated she would take the class. The Board allowed Mrs. Rinald seven day to locate and register for a food safety program; a completion certificate or a syllabus from the program must be produced within 14 days of November 6th 2009. The board also required that an individual from the establishment appear at the December 4th, 2009 board meeting for an update.

Next under new business was a revised site plan for 7 Old Forge Hill Road. The board approved the site plan subject to proper dumpster location and municipal water and sewer hook-up.

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

The Chairman opened the floor for any other new business. There was none. The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Friday, November 6th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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