



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

355 East Central Street

Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352

Board of Health Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2010

Present at meeting:

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

David McKearney, RS, Health Director
Virginia McNeil, Health Agent

Visitors present:

Donald Nielson, Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

The minutes of the February 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

In old business the Board reviewed the submission of the Nonni Rose's Bakery menu. The Health department was not able to discuss the menu with the owners of the bakery and will do so before the next Board of Health meeting.

Next was a discussion of the rebuttal letter from the Town Administrator, the Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer referencing the Board's comments regarding connections to town sewer systems. Mr. Cheli felt strongly that the original letter was misconstrued and volunteered to express his concerns in a second letter.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The chairman opened the floor to any new business. The first item on the agenda was a local upgrade approval of a septic design at 924 Washington Street, for a reduction in set back from a private well to the soil absorption system. The Health Director advised the Board is not able to grant a local upgrade approval for an S.A.S. within 50 feet of a private drinking water well. In addition, the board should consider granting relief to the applicant in accordance with 15.405 (a)-(f), prior to allowing a reduction in a well set back. Mr. Don Nielson, from Guerriere & Halnon said the well is at 50ft. and as such is allowed. The margin of error during the "regeneration of design prints is such that you



are going to get expansion or retraction of lines when you make prints". Based on the computer generated plan, the well is at 50 ft. The Health Director's interpretation of the regulation was local upgrade approval is not allowed within 50ft. so it is up to the Board to debate and discuss. The Board Chairman asked that Mr. Neilson give the Board a certified plan stating the well is 50 ft. or more from the private drinking water well on the property. Mr. Neilson also stated that the well is going to be tested before the new system is installed to verify that there is no prior contamination. A motion was made by the Chairman and unanimously voted by the Board, to approve the local upgrade for a reduction in setback from a private well to the proposed S.A.S at 924 Washington Street.

The next item on the agenda was an application for a site plan at 348 East Central Street. The Board voted to approve the site plan as submitted subject to proper dumpster location, proper connection to municipal water and sewer, and compliance with the State Sanitary Code Chapter X.

The site plan & special permit for 691 East Central Street was the next item reviewed by the Board. The Board of Health unanimously voted to approve the site plan as submitted subject to municipal water connection, proper dumpster location and a fully compliant Title V septic system appropriately designed for the proposed change in use of the existing structure.

Next the Board reviewed the site plan for 282 Summer Street and a portion of 278 Summer Street. The Board voted to approve the plan as submitted subject to municipal water connection, proper dumpster location and a fully compliant Title V septic system appropriately designed for the change in use of the existing structure.

The last site plan reviewed was for 281 West Central Street. Since the plan was withdrawn from the Planning Board, it was unnecessary for the Board to review it.

The Board members were presented with a copy of the Manual of Laws and Regulations relating to local Boards of Health. This updated manual is designed to provide a quick and authoritative reference to regulations pertinent to public health.

The Board members were provided with the FY2011 Health Department budget. There is a possibility of further reductions of the budget at the discretion of the Town Administrator.

A motion was made to nominate Cindy Souza and Tracey Taddeo as Inspectors of Animals. This annual nomination as required by the state was affirmed by the Board members unanimously.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report for February 2010. The Health Director discussed the monthly activities of the Health Department.

The Chairman opened the floor for any other new business. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Friday, April 2, 2010.

Transcribed by Virginia McNeil, Health Agent.