

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
FRANKLIN BOARD OF HEALTH
April 1, 2011**

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:

Rich Aucoin
Robert Cantoreggi, Director of Public Works
Deacon Perrotta, Water & Sewer, Department of Public Works

Mr. Cheli welcomed all present to the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Cheli to accept the March 1, 2011 meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Cheli as written, and unanimously accepted by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

In old business, the Health Director informed the Board that the Public Health Regionalization Grant, application which included the towns of Walpole, Foxboro and Millis, was denied by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

NEW BUSINESS

The chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was the discussion of fluoride levels in the town drinking water system. Mr. Aucoin, a Franklin citizen, came to the Board meeting to discuss the possibility of removing fluoride from the municipal drinking water. Mr. Aucoin feels that consuming fluoride in the public drinking water should be a choice, and not forced on the citizens of Franklin. Mr. Cantoreggi, Director of Public Works and Mr. Perrotta, from the water and sewer department attended the meeting to answer any technical questions regarding fluoridation. Mr. Cantoreggi stated that he is mandated by the town to add fluoride and follows the recommended State guidelines. Mr. Perrotta, the water superintendent, informed the board that the water is tested on a daily basis to insure that the town has the proper levels. After a lengthy discussion pertaining to the merits and the possible untoward affects of high levels of fluoride, Mr. Cheli, Vice-chairman of the Board, recommended Mr. Aucoin investigate the manner in which the decision to add fluoride to Franklin's drinking water was made. Once this is determined, he may present a proposal to remove the fluoride to either the residents in the form of a ballot question, or to the Franklin Board of Health.

The next item on the agenda was the NSTAR 45 day yearly operational plan. No action was necessary by the Board, as it was informational only.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report for March 2011. The Health Director discussed the monthly activities of the Health Department.

Motion to adjourn was unanimous. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Friday, May 6, 2011.

Transcribed by Virginia McNeil, Health Agent for the Franklin Health Department.