

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**  
**FRANKLIN BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**May 6, 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  
Rick Goodreau, United Consultants

The Board Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

In old business there was a continuation of the discussion pertaining to fluoride levels in the town drinking water system. Mr. Aucoin, a Franklin resident, feels that the town has been in violation of informed consent by adding fluoride to the town water. Mr. Aucoin has come before the Board to have this process discontinued. Mr. Cheli stated it was voted by the Board of Health in 1970 and feels he does not have the expertise to discontinue the use of fluoride in the water. He suggested the Town Council appropriate funds to hire a consultant to research this issue. Mr. Ranieri agreed that we should follow proper procedures and have the Franklin residents vote on whether to have the fluoride removed or not. Mr. Ranieri also stated that Mr. Aucoin should fund the election and not the town. Mr. Aucoin stated that fluoride is a medication and a drug. Therefore, it should not have a public vote. It should be an individual choice and not forced into people's bodies. Mr. Aucoin stated it is a legal question of whether the Town of Franklin has the right to force a medication on the residents of the town. Mr. Hunchard concluded that if this is a legal issue, then Mr. Aucoin should contact the Attorney General. Mr. Hunchard made a motion to table the fluoride issue. Mr. Cheli seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to table.

The next item under old business was the review of the shared septic system application for the Woodlands submitted by Mr. Goodreau of United Consultants. Mr. Goodreau stated he needs a letter of approval from the board to submit with the application to DEP. The Health Director said he would put it in written form and include it in the packet to be reviewed by DEP. DEP stated it would take 30-45 days and if they had any issues they would send it back. Mr. Cheli made a motion to approve the application for a shared system at the Woodlands as written. It was seconded by Mr. Ranieri and voted unanimously by the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was a local upgrade approval of 1 Hennessey Drive alternative to percolation testing. Mr. Cheli made a motion to approve providing all supporting documents are reviewed by the Health Director. Mr. Ranieri seconded and it was voted unanimously by the Board.

Next on the agenda were a remand, special permit and site plan modifications for Chestnut Senior Village. Mr. Ranieri recused himself. A motion was made by Mr. Cheli and voted unanimously by the Board to approve the site plan as submitted subject to municipal water and sewer connection, proper dumpster location and full compliance with the State Sanitary Code Chapter II.

A preliminary subdivision plan for Southern Acres was the next item on the agenda. The Board voted to approve the site plan as submitted subject to municipal water connection and a fully compliant Title V septic system.

An informational packet of the Railroad Vegetation Management Plan was given to the Board.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report for April 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, June 3, 2011.

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