

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
FRANKLIN BOARD OF HEALTH
September 9, 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:

None

The Board Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Hunchard, and seconded by Mr. Ranieri to accept the August 5th, 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Cheli abstained because he did not attend the meeting. The minutes were unanimously accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was a local upgrade approval of 20 Colt Road for maximum allowable depth of system components required by 310 CMR 15.221 (7), from 36" to 60" below finish grade. The Health Director recommended the local upgrade to be approved by the board. The board voted unanimously to grant the request as submitted.

Next on the agenda was a discussion to enact a local by-law to require mandating upgrading older septic tanks from 1,000 gallons to 1,500 gallons during repairs to systems. The Franklin Town Code Chapter 250.2 states:

The septic tank shall have an effective liquid capacity of not less than 150% of the design flow estimated, but in no case less than 1,500 gallons. This minimum gallonage requirement for septic tanks shall also apply to any and all single-family units.

The Health Director stated he was going to enforce the tank requirements on all repairs to existing septic systems. The board agreed and said that any exceptions would have to come before the board.

The last item discussed was the e-mails received from several Franklin residents requesting the Board of Health mandate the removal of fluoride in the town drinking water. Mr. Cheli made a motion to table the item. The board voted unanimously to table.

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

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

Motion to adjoin was unanimous. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Friday, October 7, 2011.

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