

Board of Health Minutes for October 5, 2012

Present at meeting:

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman
Donald Ranieri, Jr., Vice-Chair
Philip M. Brunelli, Secretary, absent

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

Visitors present:

No visitors were present.

A motion was made by the Board Chairman to accept the September 19, 2012 meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor for old business. Board members were provided a copy of a follow up letter from Rink Wheeler, Engineering Manager of Garelick Farms. The letter provided a detailed explanation of the steps taken by Garelick to rectify the odor issue at the plant. As of this time, Garelick Farms feels the odor issue was resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was a limited site plan modification for 14 Grove Street. The Board of Health voted to approve the limited site plan as submitted subject to municipal water and sewer connection, proper dumpster location, and full compliance with Chapter X of the State Food Code.

The next item reviewed by the Board was the limited site plan modification of Wendy's, located at 505 West Central Street. The Board of Health voted to approve the limited site plan as submitted subject to municipal water and sewer connection, proper dumpster location, and full compliance with Chapter X of the State Food Code.

Next on the agenda was a special permit and limited site plan modification of McDonald's Restaurant located at 345 East Central Street. The Board of Health stated that no comment was needed.

A limited site plan modification for 22 National Drive was the next item discussed by the Board. The Board Chairman stated that no comment was necessary at this time.

The Board members were provided a copy of the 2011 Water Fluoridation Quality Award.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report for the month of September 2012. The Health Director updated the Board members on the monthly inspections.

The Health Director informed the Board that Akin Bak Farms had inquired about a Food Establishment Permit and were denied the permit because it would violate zoning regulations. Akin Bak Farms then attempted to secure a Wholesale Food Permit from MDPH, and to bypass the local health department. Ultimately the Health Director petitioned the Food Protection Program not to issue a Wholesale Permit because it would violate our local zoning by-law.

The Health Director informed the Board that Camp Haiastan was exploring options for a new septic system to accommodate a new bathroom facility. Currently the camp has nine individual septic systems and cesspools. The Health Director contacted DEP to get an opinion on how the camp should proceed; specifically if all existing septic systems on the property must be connected to the new proposed pressure distribution system. One of the existing public drinking water wells at the camp must be relocated since it is currently located within 400 feet of the septic system. The Board Chairman suggested that the camp should inquire about the possibility of connecting their facility to the town sewer system via a sewer extension up Summer Street.

The Board Chairman asked for an update regarding the Smileage Dental Building on Grove Street. The Health Director said there was still a dispute regarding who is responsible for paying for the system to be tied into the town sewer. The Health Department only signed a temporary occupancy permit for the dental office. The Board Chairman requested that the Health Director send a memo to the Building Commissioner to inform Smileage Dental that they have 30 days to file the application to put in the sewer approved plan.

Mr. Ranieri asked what jurisdiction the Health Department has on grease traps found in restaurants. The Health Director said that we have overlapping jurisdiction with the plumbing department and also the Health Department receives all pumping records of the grease traps.

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

Motion to adjourn was unanimous. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 10:00 am in room 205.

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