

Town of Franklin
Board of Health Minutes for April 2, 2013

Present at meeting:

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

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

Visitors present:

None

A motion was made by Don Ranieri and seconded by Phil Brunelli to accept the March 6, 2013 meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor for old business. There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was the Nomination of Inspector of Animals. Mr. Hunchard, board chairman, made a motion to nominate Cindy Souza and Tracey Taddeo as Inspector of Animals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ranieri and voted unanimously by the board for approval.

Next on the agenda was the site plan for Franklin Retirement Residence located at 485 East Central Street. The Board Chairman gave a brief synopsis of what has transpired. It has been before the ZBA and has been approved as a congregate living space, which is a place that people rent which provides the availability of three meals a day and limited transportation. It would attract an older population that does not want the maintenance of a house, and also does not require nursing care. It is serviced by public water and public sewer. The Board chairman recommended a general letter to the Planning Board stating approving the plan as submitted subject to municipal water and sewer connection, proper dumpster location and full compliance with Chapter X of the State Food Code. Mr. Ranieri made a motion, and Mr. Brunelli seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the plan as written.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion relative to hookah bars in Franklin. The Health Director informed the Board that the Town of Milford just passed by-law prohibiting hookah bars in their town. At the present time the Franklin Health

Department has nothing to prevent the opening of a hookah bar. Mr. Hunchard made a motion to have the Health Director review the Town of Milford Regulation Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places, and prepare a draft for the Town of Franklin. The Board would review the draft and schedule a public hearing as required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brunelli and voted unanimously by the Board.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report for the month of March 2013. The Health Director updated the board members on the monthly inspections.

The Chairman opened the floor to other new business. Mr. Ranieri asked if the State had passed a draft pertaining to the marijuana law. He inquired what the impact would be on the Franklin Board of Health. The Health Director responded that the authority of local boards of health to implement more restrictive regulation is always there.

The Board chairman asked if there was any citizen's commentary. Hearing none a motion was made by Mr. Brunelli and seconded by Mr. Ranieri and voted unanimously for adjournment. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 10:00 am in room 205.

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