

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for August 6, 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:

Lillian Samayoa, Property Manager, Franklin Landings
Stephen Greenbaum, Attorney, 200 High St., Boston, MA

A motion was made by Donald Ranieri and seconded by Philip Brunelli to accept the June 7, 2013 meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor for old business. Attorney Stephen Greenbaum provided an update of Franklin Landings Apartments located at 301 Union Street. Presently, Franklin Landings has obtained three bids to replace the windows that are in violation of the housing code. Attorney Greenbaum stated that the work will be done in phases as the property management company does not have unlimited funds. The Board Chairman stated that the non-functioning windows should be replaced first. Mr. Greenbaum reiterated that the apartment windows would be replaced first and then the windows in the common area. The Board Chairman requested that Franklin Landings identify the contractor by September 1st. The contract should specifically state how the job will be phased and also exactly what work is being done to the windows. The Chairman also expects the work to commence on October 1st. Mr. Greenbaum asked if the Board wanted himself and the property manager to attend the next Board meeting and the Chairman stated that as long as there was communication with the Health Director; there was no need to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was a site plan for Dean College at Longley Field. The Board stated no comment was necessary on this agenda item.

Next on the agenda was a local upgrade approval for 39 Maple Street, for a reduction in ground water separation from five feet to four feet. The Health Director recommended the Board grant the local upgrade. Mr. Brunelli made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Ranieri and voted unanimously by the Board.

The last item discussed was the final revision from Scituate Bank for the Woodlands Development easements which required the signature of the Board Chairman. The Board Chairman signed all easements.

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

The Chairman opened the floor to other new business. Mr. Ranieri had a question pertaining to the manner in which Franklin residents are notified of contaminated drinking water. The Health Director assured him that the DPW follows strict guidelines and immediately shut down any well if the water samples exceed the recommended guidelines.

Mr. Ranieri also asked if there is any progress regarding a marijuana dispensary being located in Franklin. The Health Director informed Mr. Ranieri that it falls under the jurisdiction of the Town Administrator, the Planning Department and the MADPH.

The Board chairman asked if there was any citizen's commentary. Hearing none a motion was made by Mr. Hunchard and seconded by Mr. Ranieri and voted unanimously for adjournment. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 10:00 am in room 205.

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