

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for December 4, 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:

Matt Tota, Milford Daily News
David Hamparian, Camp Haiastan
Don Nielson, Guerriere & Halnon

A motion was made by Bruce Hunchard, moved by Philip Brunelli and seconded by Donald Ranieri to accept the November 19, 2013 meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The first item discussed under old business was the proposed Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products Regulation. The Board was provided with the draft regulation for Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products. Philip Brunelli stated that the age should remain at 18 because if they are old enough to fight in a war then they should not be restricted from buying cigarettes. Donald Ranieri said that he would support changing the age to 19 with the stipulation that after a year the Board would see if it made a significant change. The Health Director stated that it would be hard to quantify if it made a difference after one year. Bruce Hunchard indicated he doesn't care what the smoking age is since he has never smoked a day in his life. Donald Ranieri is against smoking but is for people's rights. The Health Director recommended that if the Board wanted to change the smoking age to 19 and not 21, then it would make more sense to leave the age at 18. The Board Chairman made a motion to change the age in the proposed by-law to 19. It was moved by Donald Ranieri and voted yes by Bruce Hunchard and Donald Ranieri and no by Philip Brunelli. A motion was made by Bruce Hunchard to publish the proposed Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products Regulation with the newly amended age from 18 to 21 as required and have a public hearing at the Board of Health meeting on January 7th, 2014 at 10:00 am.

The next item reviewed by the Board were the proposed Septic Regulation that would prohibit the installation of a septic system from January 1st through April 1st with provisions for emergency repairs. Bruce Hunchard made a motion to put it out for advertising as required and hold a Public Hearing on January 7th, 2014, the motion was moved by Philip Brunelli and seconded by Donald Ranieri and voted unanimously by the Board.

The last item under old business was the proposed septic plan for Camp Haiastan. The attached letter was submitted by David Hamparian, Executive Director for Camp Haiastan. The letter requested clarification and verification on what is necessary for the septic system repair in terms of design flow requirements for the camp. Other issues that need to be addressed are the requirements for a force main and also the issue of the septic systems to be moved outside of the 225' radius of the upper camp water well. The Camp Director proposed to repair only the failed septic system at this time. Don Neilson also was questioning what the Board would perceive as new construction. For instance if the kitchen, showers, and washroom were moved to a new facility closer to Summer Street; would the Board treat this as new construction?

The Health Director stated that if the entire camp tied into one system, the flow would exceed 11,000 gallons/day which would require a sewer treatment plant and be cost prohibitive. If the kitchen and function hall were excluded it would keep the flow rates under 10,000 gpd.

The Board Chairman stated that the system should be designed to handle all the flows of the camp without any exclusion.

The proposed septic plan is designed using Presby chambers. The Health Director expressed concern that the system might not function properly if not used to capacity. Don Nielson said he would consult with Presby about any issues that were discussed. In conclusion, the Health Director stated that the system must be Title V compliant. In his initial discussion with DEP, new construction would trigger that the entire camp be in compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was the Subdivision Modification for the Uncas Avenue Extension. After reviewing the plan the Board of Health voted unanimously to approve the Subdivision Modification as submitted subject to municipal water and sewer connection.

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

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

The Board chairman asked if there was any citizen's commentary. Hearing none a motion was made by Mr. Hunchard for adjournment, moved by Mr. Brunelli and voted unanimously by the Board. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 10:00 am.

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