

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for May 7, 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 Bruce Hunchard and seconded by Phil Brunelli to accept the April 2, 2013 meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor for old business. The first item on the agenda was a discussion relative to Hookah Bars in Franklin. The Health Director asked the Board members whether they would like to address hookah bars exclusively, or include additional provisions for membership clubs and e-cigarettes. Since the Board can revise the proposed bylaw after the required advertising, public notice and citizen commentary, the Chairman suggested that the Health Director submit a comprehensive draft bylaw to include membership clubs and e-cigarettes. The Board Chairman made a motion for the Health Director to draft the by-law and advertise it as required, and to schedule and post a public hearing for the next Board of Health meeting in June. The motion was seconded by Don Ranieri and voted unanimously by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was the request for a local upgrade approval at 8 Warwick Road, for increase in soil cover over components. After consulting with the Health Director, the Chairman made a motion to grant the local upgrade for an increase in the soil cover over the system components. The motion was moved by Phil Brunelli and seconded by Don Ranieri to approve the local grade approval. It was voted unanimously by the Board.

Next on the agenda was the local upgrade approval for 6 Oakridge Drive for an increase in soil cover over components. The homeowners had a Title V and discovered that the original septic design plan was for a three bedroom house; however the home was clearly designed with 4 bedrooms. In order to be Title V compliant the homeowners must upgrade the existing system by adding 10' extensions to each trench, a new D-box, and a system vent. A motion was made by Mr. Ranieri to approve the plan as submitted. Mr. Brunelli seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve.

A site plan for the Franklin Innovation Center located at 31 Hayward Street was the next item on the agenda. The Board Chairman advised that no comment was necessary.

The next items on the agenda were the review of the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad 2013 Vegetation Control Program, the National Grid Vegetation Management Plan and the approved 2013 Yearly Operational Plan. These plans were informational only so no comment was needed by the Board.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report for the month of April 2013. The Health Director updated the board members on the monthly inspections. The Health Director also informed the Board that at the present time we will not be merging our office with the Building, Planning and Conservation departments. This idea has been put on hold.

The Chairman opened the floor to other new business. Mr. Brunelli had a complaint regarding Panera Bread. He observed clean cups stored with the drinking side down on the counter. He also observed the staff distributing the cups with the drinking side down on the same counter where money is exchanged. The Health Director assured him that the Health Department would follow up on the complaint.

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 Friday, June 7, 2013 at 10:00 am in room 205.

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