

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for October 1, 2013

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:

Bob Avakian, Franklin resident
Dr. Lester Hartman, Westwood/Mansfield Pediatrics
David Hamparian, Camp Haiastan
Donald Nielsen, Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.

A motion was made by Bruce Hunchard and seconded by Donald Ranieri to accept the September 3, 2013 meeting minutes and the June 25, 2013 hearing minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The first item discussed under old business was the Camp Haiastan septic system design. Don Neilson from Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. attended the meeting to discuss the proposed septic plan. The septic plan addresses the failed disposal system that services the boys and girls lavatories. Mr. Nielson designed the system for 15 gallons per day per person since its services the bathrooms only. The Health Director stated that Title V requires 35 gallons per day per person. If an agreement can not be reached between the Health Department and Camp Haiastan on the required flow, Guerriere & Hanlon may submit the plan to DEP for review. In order to plan for future growth of the camp, Mr. Ranieri advised the camp director to consider tying into the town sewer. The Board Chairman asked if a complete inventory was done on all the existing septic systems and cesspools. Mr. Nielson informed the Board that he inspected all systems last year and could provide Title V inspections if the Board requested. All systems passed except the system that services the lavatories. The Board Chairman reiterated the fact that the camp was not looking at the big picture. The camp director said that they have explored the different scenarios but the camp can not afford the expense of tying into the town sewer.

The next item discussed was the proposed septic regulations. The Health Director is in the process of drafting a proposed septic regulation which will be presented to the Board at the November meeting.

The last item discussed under old business was an update of Franklin Landings Apartments, 301 Union Street. The Health Director has not heard from their lawyer, Attorney Greenbaum, since the last Board meeting. October 1, 2013 was the deadline to provide the Health Department with the name of the contractor and the scope of work. The Board Chairman made a motion that October 15, 2013 be the hard date for Franklin

Landings to supply the Health Department with the information that was requested. Mr. Ranieri seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Dr. Lester Hartman from Westwood & Mansfield Pediatrics to discuss increasing the smoking age from 18 to 21 in the Town of Franklin. Dr. Hartman presented compelling data which demonstrated that 80-90% of smokers are addicted to tobacco products before the age of 18. Certain cigars are flavored and priced very low to make it affordable for children. Dr. Hartman presented a variety of tobacco products that he purchased in Franklin to prove his point. Needham was the first town to restrict the smoking age to 21 and Dover, Wellesley, Ashland, Sharon and Canton have followed. Overall the Board felt the presentation was very good. The Board Chairman requested a copy of the regulation to be provided to the Health Director. Since the Health Director is currently drafting a new smoking regulation, the Board Chairman suggested the proposed age restriction of 21 be included. The Board members thanked Dr. Hartman for his time and reiterated the fact that they would review the regulations.

Next on the agenda was a subdivision and limited site plan modification of 505 West Central Street. No comment was necessary by the Board.

The site plan for 37-41 East Central Street was the next item reviewed. Since Mr. Ranieri had to recuse himself, the Board of Health did not have a quorum. The Board Chairman directed the Health Director to write a response to approve the 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 and Chapter II of the State Sanitary Code.

The last item under new business was the site plan located at 16 Dean Avenue, LLC. Again the Board did not have a quorum because Mr. Ranieri had to recuse himself. The Board Chairman directed the Health Director to write a response stating there is no issues pertinent to the Board of Health that need to be reviewed.

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

The Chairman opened the floor to other new business. Mr. Ranieri inquired about any updates in regards to the Marijuana Dispensaries being located in Franklin. The Health Director said that there is a strong possibility that one will be located in Franklin. The state is currently still in the process of evaluating all the applicants.

The Board chairman asked if there was any citizen's commentary. Hearing none a motion was made by Mr. Hunchard for adjournment and voted unanimously by the Board. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 10:00 am in room 205.

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