

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for September 3, 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 to accept the August 6, 2013 meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor for old business. The Health Department received an e-mail from a concerned citizen regarding fluoride in the town drinking water. The Board stated since there is no compelling evidence that fluoride is harmful; no action is deemed necessary by the Board at this time.

The next item discussed under old business was Franklin Landings Apartments, 301 Union Street. At the August 6, 2013 Board of Health Meeting, Attorney Greenbaum and property manager, Lillian Samayoa, appeared before the board to provide an update on the replacement of non-functioning windows. Since there were three bids under consideration, the Board Chairman requested that Franklin Landings identify the contractor by September 1st, 2013. The Health Department received a letter from Attorney Greenbaum faxed on August 29, 2013 requesting an additional week before a contractor was chosen by Franklin Landings.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was a local upgrade approval, 6 Mercer Lane, for an increase in soil cover over the soil absorption system. The Health Director recommended the local upgrade approval. A motion was made by the Board Chairman to grant the local upgrade approval at 6 Mercer Lane. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

The last item on the agenda was the Health Director's Monthly Report for the month of August 2013. The Health Director updated the board members on the monthly inspections. He informed the Board that an applicant for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary interested in locating to Franklin was discussed in the weekly tech review meeting. All applicants are being reviewed by MDPH.

The Health Director advised that no mosquitoes in Franklin have tested positive for WNV or EEE, to date.

The Health Director informed the Board that he would be presenting draft by-laws regarding smoking and septic system installations at the next Board meeting.

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 and voted unanimously by the Board. The next Board of Health meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 10:00 am in room 205.

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