



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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TOWN OF FRANKLIN

Board of Health Special Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2014

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
Mary Ellen Ficco, Admin. Asst.

Visitors present:

Mark G. Cerel, Town Attorney

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman opened the floor to new business. The first item on the agenda was discussion of requested changes to the Order Letter sent to Camp Haiastan regarding necessary septic system updates. The Health Director provided the Board a synopsis of changes and additions to the plan that were sent to him by the Board of Directors of Camp Haiastan. The Camp requested the following:

- The Camp would like the order letter to include a statement that allows them to defend itself against the Franklin Board of Health if any action is taken by the Board against the Camp.
- The Camp would like the order letter to include another paragraph indicating the agreement is the result of a settlement between the parties
- The Camp would like to change the number of functions allowed from four (4) to eight (8) per year.
- The Camp would like the agreement begin date to be the date the agreement is signed, not January 1, 2014 as written in the order letter.
- The Camp would like wording added that protects them from breach of agreement if progress is delayed by the town.
- The Camp would like wording added that states the wastewater treatment facility capacity agreement is based on 200 campers at 35 GPD.



After discussion by members of the Board and the Health Director, it was agreed that no changes or additions should be made to the original agreement order letter. The Health Director will draft a response letter to be signed by the Board Chairman and sent to Camp Haiastan which states they have until close of business May 5 to come back with written acceptance and a plan.

Mark Cerel, Town Attorney, interjected that the Board of Health has the authority under MGL 140 Section 32B to insist upon the requested updates to the camp's wastewater treatment system.

Chairman Hunchard asked the Health Director if he had any recommendations. The Health Director stated that the original agreement was fair and his goal is to work with the Camp for resolution.

Mr. Brunelli made a motion to accept our order letter as is; seconded by Mr. Raneiri. The Board unanimously approved.

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, May 6, 2014.

Transcribed by Mary Ellen Ficco, Administrative Asst. for the Franklin Health Department.