

RARITAN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Nagy at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822

MEETING ADVERTISED

The meeting was advertised in the February 26, 2016 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the office bulletin board.

ATTENDANCE

In attendance were Board Members Venkata Lanka, Mark Peters, Tom Smith, and Frank Nagy. Jeannie Geremia and Carolee Zak were absent. Also present was Carla Hobbs and Christie Visokay from the Hunterdon County Health Department.

MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2016

Chairman Frank Nagy asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of March 17, 2016.

Motion was made by Mark Peters and seconded by Venkata Lanka.

Roll Call Vote: Venkata Lanka – yes
 Mark Peters – yes
 Tom Smith – yes
 Frank Nagy – yes

Motion carried.

LIAISONS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Public Information Update – Zika Virus

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT –

CORRESPONDENCE

a. National Infant Immunization Week – April 16-23, 2016

RABIES UPDATE – There were a total of 24 positive rabies in Hunterdon County since January, 2016. The County will send the rabies update for Raritan Township in the future.

FOOD INSPECTION REPORTS – Ms. Hobbs said that the inspection reports are now on line on the County web site. Angelo’s on Route 31 was unsatisfactory due to a fire. China Moon received a Conditionally Satisfactory rating.

RTMUA – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

BLOCK 79.13, LOT 10, 5 CLARIDGE LANE – NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM –TWA APPLICATION

Greg Barkley was present to give an overview of this new septic system. The owner wants to install a bathroom in the basement. That requires an ejector pump to life the sewage to get it to the existing gravity flow septic system. The code states that any ejector pump requires a Treatment Works Approval. The engineer is proposing to install an effluent filter on the existing septic tank.

Motion was made by Venkata Lanka and seconded by Mark Peters to grant the waiver from the additional tank and disposal area size. Also, the Board authorizes the County Health Department to sign the TWA application which is a requirement from the NJ DEP.

Roll Call Vote: Venkata Lanka – yes
 Patrick Morlando – abstain
 Mark Peters – yes
 Tom Smith – yes
 Frank Nagy - yes

Motion carried.

BLOCK 22, LOT 9 - *This matter was tabled.*

HOME INSPECTIONS FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS – Carla Hobbs, County Health Department distributed a list of alterations that were done from January, 2016 through April, 2016. The only time the Board of Health is informed of alterations is when the property needs a waiver. At the present time, there are home inspections done without the inspector having to be certified or licensed. There is a septic system inspection protocol and the Onsite System Inspection Form must be filled out. Home inspection reports must be submitted to the Hunterdon County Health Department. Every house that is inspected and sold must have a septic inspection report on file at the County Health Department. She also distributed the County’s Septic Repair Policy. Ms. Hobbs reported that last year the Township had 34 alterations and 64 repairs of septic systems. Patrick

HOME INSPECTIONS FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS: (Con't)

Morlando felt that too many septic systems are failing after a home inspection. There are five failed septic systems in his area. Ms. Hobbs said that those septic systems may have been at the end of their life span because of the age of the home and the maintenance of the septic systems. The homes are over 50 years old. Patrick Morlando said that he would like to review the files of the failing septic systems at the County Health Department. The Board also felt that the realtors as well as homeowners should be educated about the protocol and procedures that are in place on the County level. The Board of Health requested a copy of the septic system reports from the County.

ABANDONED AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES – The Zoning Office has submitted an update list of abandoned and foreclosed properties. According to the Township's ordinances, the owners of these properties must register with the Township.

COMMENTS:

Ms. Hobbs informed the Board that Christie Visokay of the County Health Department will be attending the Board of Health Meeting each month.

EXPENDITURES – None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Frank Nagy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Venkata Lanka and seconded by Tom Smith.

Vote: 6 – 0 motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Sollena, RMC/CMC
Secretary