

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
MAY 16, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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**MEETING ADVERTISED**

The meeting was advertised in the January 25, 2019 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the municipal bulletin board and Township website.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Robyn Fatooh, Jeannie Geremia, Rose Sollena, Carolee Zak, Vice Chairman Mark Peters; Board Secretary, Lisa Fania; Hunterdon County Department of Health, Carla Hobbs

**ABSENT:** Venkata Lanka, Patrick Morlando, Tom Smith, Chairman Frank Nagy, Michael Mangin (Township Committee Liaison)

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**MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Peters asked for a motion to approve the April 18, 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion by Zak, seconded by Fatooh

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Geremia, Zak, Sollena, Fatooh  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Vice Chairman Peters  
**ABSENT:** Lanka, Morlando, Smith, Chairman Nagy

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**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

There was no public comment.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Block 2, Lot 2 (157 Old Clinton Road) – Septic System Waiver -**

Jim Hill, PE, Frey Engineering, LLC presented the waiver request.

Motion was made by Geremia, seconded by Zak to approve the following requested waiver:

1. Construction of a retaining wall meeting the requirements of N.J.S.A. 7:9A-10.5(e)5 i-iv. Engineer shall inspect the construction of the wall and provide certification that the wall was constructed in accordance with the approved plans on the final as-built.
2. As there was no passing permeability obtained on the property, Raritan Township Board of Health and the Hunterdon County Department of Health shall be held harmless for the approval.

This is based on a letter from Robert Vaccarella of the Hunterdon County Department of Health dated May 9, 2019.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Geremia, Zak, Sollena, Fatooh, Vice Chairman Peters

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Lanka, Morlando, Smith, Chairman Nagy

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b. **Block 26, Lot 24 (87 Old Croton Road) – Septic System Waiver -**

Doug Fine, PE, Douglas Fine Engineering, LLC presented the waiver request.

Motion was made by Fatooh, seconded by Zak to approve the following requested waiver:

1. The highest regional water table at 20 inches which is greater than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from the existing grade with a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table and the proposed level of infiltration.

This is based on a letter from Dawn Faultings of the Hunterdon County Department of Health dated May 10, 2019.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Geremia, Zak, Sollena, Fatooh, Vice Chairman Peters

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Lanka, Morlando, Smith, Chairman Nagy

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**LIAISONS**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

No report

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**COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

\*Correspondence

\*Food Inspection Reports

\*Rabies Update

Carla Hobbs, Hunterdon County Department of Health, reported on retail food establishment inspections for the period of March 22, 2019 through May 16, 2019 and provided information regarding rabies countywide including 4 positive racoons and 1 skunk. Ms. Hobbs explained that there is an uptick in rabies among racoons and voiced the importance of vaccine compliance among domestic animals. Ms. Hobbs also reported that mosquitos are present due to the amount of recent rainfall. Ms. Hobbs advised to be mindful of standing water among old tires, bird baths and planters.

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**RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (RTMUA)**

The following regular meeting minutes were acknowledged by Board Members with no comment:

March 21, 2019

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## OLD BUSINESS

**Vaping discussion follow up** – Discussion continued from the previous month’s meeting of the Board regarding health and safety concerns of vaping. Ms. Hobbs reported that there has been a 78% increase in vaping among high school students and a 40% increase among middle school students countywide in 2018. She continued to explain that the Hunterdon County Department of Health in conjunction with Hunterdon Prevention Resources, Safe Communities Coalition of Hunterdon and Somerset and the Board of Education have implemented the “one message/one voice” initiative to increase awareness and education regarding the health risks of vaping.

Discussion continued amongst Board Members regarding the Board’s jurisdiction in combatting the use of vaping among the youth. It was the consensus that additional information be gathered including the identification of vaping establishments and retailers providing vaping products within the Township and countywide data on vaping for presentation at the June 18 Township Committee meeting along with representatives from the American Cancer Society and Hunterdon County Department of Health. Discussion to be continued at a future meeting.

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## FINANCIALS

Board Members reviewed the April 2019 monthly report. There were no comments.

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## COMMENTS

Board Members inquired as to the status of vacant/abandoned properties. Board Secretary, Lisa Fania, to update accordingly at the June 20 meeting.

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## ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Peters asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Zak, seconded by Geremia to adjourn.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lisa Fania  
Board of Health Secretary