

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Frank Nagy at 7:35 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822.

**MEETING ADVERTISED**

The meeting was advertised in the March 4, 2017 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the office bulletin board.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Jeannie Geremia; Deborah Hoskins (arrived at 7:38 p.m.); Venkata Lanka; Patrick Morlando; Tom Smith; Chairman, Frank Nagy; Board Secretary, Lisa Fania; and Hunterdon County Division of Public Health representative, Carla Hobbs

**ABSENT:** Mark Peters, Rose Sollena, and Carolee Zak

**MINUTES**

Motion by Geremia, seconded by Chairman Nagy to approve the October 19, 2017 meeting minutes.

**ABSTAIN:** Lanka, Morlando, Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. BLOCK 40.04, LOT 37 (14 BARLEY SHEAF ROAD) – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HANGING WATER CONDITION**

Alexander Mikos, Engineer, Goldenbaum and Baill Engineering, Inc. presented the request for acknowledgement by the Board of a hanging water condition.

Motion was made by Lanka, seconded by Smith to acknowledge the following:

1. Mottling in the upper horizons from 28-34 and 34-36 inches in the clay loam horizon. Even though the soil horizons are not hydraulically restrictive by definition the soils appear to be more

restrictive than the deeper horizon which showed a basin flood test that had emptied at a very fast rate. Per the NJDEP guidance document, the hanging water condition may be recognized by the administrative authority provided the horizon below the mottling is at a higher permeability, the slope is less than 5 percent (5%) and a fill enclosed installation is proposed.

2. Engineer provided a satisfactory explanation of why the mottling is a hanging condition vs. a perched/regional water table. Engineer also provided testimony that there will be no commercial food events at the location.

This is based on a letter from Robert Vaccarella of the County Health Department dated November 14, 2017.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Geremia, Hoskins, Lanka, Morlando, Smith, Chairman Nagy

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**b. MASSAGE THERAPY ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE**

Secretary Fania explained that the proposed massage therapy establishment ordinance was scheduled to be introduced at a future regular meeting of the Township Committee and was before the Board for review and comment.

A brief discussion was held where Board Members raised questions and concerns regarding health protected information of patrons of such establishments as well as why the need for such an ordinance. All Board Members expressed opposition.

**LIAISONS**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

No report

**COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

\*Correspondence

None

\*Food Inspection Reports

\*Rabies Update

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

Board Members acknowledged regular and work session meeting minutes of September 21, 2017.

Carla Hobbs, Hunterdon County Division of Public Health provided an update on inspection reports for retail food establishments October 19 through November 11, 2017. Ms. Hobbs reported on the status of rabies, advising of one specimen that was determined to be negative. Ms. Hobbs also announced the opening of Aldi grocery store.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **EXPENDITURES**

October 2017 Monthly report.

## **COMMENTS**

Secretary Fania advised of the adoption of a resolution by the General Assembly encouraging New Jersey homeowners to plant native plants that support bee populations and create habitats for all pollinators. Jeannie Geremia explained the impact of the decline in bee pollinators.

Secretary Fania also announced the upcoming date for the Hunterdon County Planning Board Informational Breakfast Talk, November 28, 2017 regarding review and inspection of new septic systems, repairs of existing systems and well inspections; impact of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle on ash trees throughout the County; and updates concerning open space and farmland preservation issues.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Pat Morlando, seconded by Tom Smith

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lisa Fania, RMC  
Board of Health Secretary