

RARITAN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
REORGANIZATION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Rose Sollena 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 Deborah Hoskins, Patrick Morlando, Carolee Zak, Tom Smith, Mark Peters and Frank Nagy. Venkata Lanka and Jeannie Geremia were absent. Also present was Township Liaison Craig O'Brien and Township Committeeman Louis Reiner.

REORGANIZATION

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, 2016

The Secretary asked for nominations for Chairman, 2016

Carolee Zak nominated Frank Nagy as Chairman for 2016 and was seconded by Mark Peters.

The Secretary asked for other names for nominations for Chairman, 2016.

There were none.

The Secretary asked for a motion to close the nominations for Chairman 2016 and elect Frank Nagy as Chairman for 2016.

Motion was made by Carolee Zak and seconded by Mark Peters.

Roll Call Vote: Mark Peters – yes
 Tom Smith – yes
 Carolee Zak – yes
 Frank Nagy – yes

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN, 2016

The Secretary asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman, 2016.

Carolee Zak nominated Mark Peters for Vice-Chairman for 2016 and was seconded by Tom Smith.

The Secretary asked for other names for nominations for Chairman, 2016.

There were none.

The Secretary asked for a motion to close the nominations for Chairman, 2016 and elect Mark Peters as Vice-Chairman for 2016.

Motion was made by Carolee Zak and seconded by Tom Smith.

Roll Call Vote: Mark Peters – yes
 Tom Smith – yes
 Carolee Zak – yes
 Frank Nagy – yes

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS FOR LIAISONS

State of New Jersey – Rose Sollena
County Health Department – Rose Sollena
RTMUA – Frank Nagy
Township Liaison – Craig O'Brien

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS

The Board of Health Meetings will be held on the Third Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

The official newspapers of the Board of Health are the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger and Courier News.

BOARD OF HEALTH ATTORNEY

The Board of Health Attorney is Richard Tice, 171 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey.

The Secretary asked for a motion to approve the Board of Health Meetings, Official Newspapers, Liaisons and Board Attorney.

Motion was made by Carolee Zak and seconded by Mark Peters.

Roll Call Vote: Mark Peters – yes
 Patrick Morlando – yes
 Tom Smith – yes
 Carolee Zak – yes
 Frank Nagy – yes

Chairman Nagy presided over the rest of the meeting.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2016

Chairman Frank Nagy asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of November 19, 2016.

Motion was made by Carolee Zak and seconded by Tom Smith.

Roll Call Vote: Mark Peters – abstain
 Patrick Morlando – yes
 Tom Smith – yes
 Carolee Zak – yes
 Frank Nagy – yes

Motion carried.

LIAISONS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY - No report

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – The County informed the Board of Health that they will be present at Board of Health meeting 4 times per year, once in each quarter at no cost. If the Board requests additional time from the County, there will be a \$50.00 charge for each visit.

CORRESPONDENCE

RABIES UPDATE – The County reported that in the year 2015, there were a total of 14 animals reported for possible rabies as follows:

- 4 Bats Negative
- 4 Cats Negative
- 2 Dogs Negative
- 1 Ferrett Negative
- 1 Bat Positive
- 1 Raccoon Positive
- 1 Raccoon Unsuitable for Testing

There were no rabies testing done for Raritan Township from January 1, 2016 through February 17, 2016.

FOOD INSPECTION REPORTS – There were none.

RTMUA – Regina Nicaretta asked the Board about grease traps. The RTMUA inspect the establishments once a year. If the grease trap fails, the RTMUA will reinspect one week or two later. There is no charge for the inspection or a reinspection. The RTMUA feels that an inspection should be made again during the year at random. Ms. Nicaretta wanted to know if the RTMUA have the right to inspect more than once a year. She also wanted to know if an owner has an issue, who would they be referred to, the Township or the County. The Secretary will distribute the ordinance regarding grease traps to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

ABANDONED AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

The Secretary will obtain an updated list of abandoned and foreclosed properties in Raritan Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Block 41, Lot 63 – New Septic System – TWA Application – 181 Old Croton Road

Engineer Paul Harenberg gave background information on this property. Currently there is a small barn on the property and the owner wishes to build a four bedroom dwelling. Soil logs and permeability tests were completed on July 6, 2015 which showed a high regional water table at 18 inches which is less than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from existing grade. This is a land locked property. There is a driveway that comes off of Old Croton Road. The property contains 13 acres and is the R1 District. The site contains wetlands which has been delineated.

Motion was made by Carolee Zak and seconded by Mark Peters to approve the regional water table at 18 inches instead of the required 24 inches and since this is new construction, a TWA Permit will need to be obtained from NJ DEP. Also the Pit Bail test requires that the length of the pit be not more than twice the width. The Board is granting a waiver because the pit required a larger length to achieve the proposed depth.

Roll Call Vote: Mark Peters – yes
 Patrick Morlando – yes
 Tom Smith – yes
 Carolee Zak – yes
 Frank Nagy – yes

Motion carried.

Block 73.03, Lot 6 – Septic Tank Distance Waiver – 3 Garrett Drive

This matter was tabled.

Block 73, Lot 89 – Septic System Alternation (Peat System and Waiver) – 5 Garden Place

This matter was tabled.

JP Case3 Middle School – 10th Anniversary – Special Event

JP Case is requesting a food license to hold a special event on Friday May 13, 2016 at the Middle School. This is honor of their 10th Year Anniversary Food Truck Festival”. They are inviting various food trucks to participate at this event. Although food trucks are only allowed in the B2, B3 and B4 zones of the Township, the Board is in favor of this one-time special event. Food trucks are also allowed at the Farmer’s Market at the Dvoor Farm. The Board asked for a list of the names of the food trucks. It was the consensus of the Board that a license will be issued by the Secretary to the Board of Education.

Mobile Food Truck – John Scavo – Non Renewal of License – The County requested that this food license not be renewed until all the items are corrected.

Septic System Inspection by Home Inspectors – Patrick Morlando reported that most septic systems are failed by a home inspector. He felt that this in unfair to homeowners. He also felt that every home inspector should be qualified and certified to conduct an inspection. The Board would like to have an engineer or perhaps a realtor attend a meeting to explain what the process is when conducting a home inspection. Chairman Nagy said that several years ago, the State tried to initiate a license to have a septic system. The septic system would have to be pumped every three years. The Township would keep track of the pumping. In conjunction with that, all of the pumpers and inspectors had to obtain licenses. The State never followed through.

Mark Peters said in the city of Seattle, Washington, requires sellers of properties with on-site sewerage systems to have their on-site septic system inspected by a licensed inspector. A copy of that report must be given to both the buyer and the Public Health Department before the transfer of title. They must use the King County Reporting System when submitting inspection reports to the Public Health Department. The Department of Environmental Protection in the State of Massachusetts has an exam that people have to take in order to be an approved septic system inspector.

The Board requested to see a Septic System Report from the County

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EXPENDITURES – None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion was made by Carolee Zak and seconded by Patrick Morlando.

Vote: 7 – 0 motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Sollena, RMC/CMC
Secretary