

Township of Fredon Advisory Board of Health Minutes
February 19, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Guiler, Kline, Richardson, Richardson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dashfield, Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Christine Whitehead, Mr. Alan DeCarlos

Ms. Carlson, acting as chairman pro-tem, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. with the statement this is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, chapter 231, Sections 4 and 13.

Ms. Carlson invited all present to participate in the salute to the flag.

Member John Richardson was sworn in at this time.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Mrs. Guiler, Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Richardson, and Mr. Richardson.
Absent: Dr. Dashfield, Mr. Smith

REORGANIZATION:

Ms. Carlson, acting as chairman pro-tem, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Health for the year 2019. Mr. Richardson nominated Ms. Kline. Ms. Guiler second. A motion for nominations to be closed was made by Mr. Richardson. Roll call vote: In favor Guiler, Kline, Richardson, Richardson. Opposed none. So moved.

Chairwoman Kline called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Ms. Kline nominated Gail Guiler. Mr. Richardson second. Roll Call vote: In favor Guiler, Richardson, Richardson, Kline. Opposed none. So moved.

Chairwoman Kline called for nominations for Board of Health Secretary. Mr. Richardson nominated Ms. Carlson. Ms. Guiler second. Roll call vote: In favor Guiler, Richardson, Richardson, Kline. Opposed none. So moved.

MINUTES:

Ms. Kline moved for acceptance of the minutes for the February 16, 2018 meeting. All in favor. So moved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Rabies Clinic – Mr. Richardson discussed the need to reach all groups about the Fredon Rabies Clinics. We currently put the announcement in the Township newsletter, as well as on the town website. Additionally, the Sussex County Board of Health puts all of the county rabies clinics on their website.

A discussion regarding providing pet "chipping" at the rabies clinic. It had been done in the past but was discontinued. Mr. DeCarlos also stated that there is no need to record the chip information on our dog licenses, since the chip needs to be registered with the chip company and all information is kept in their database.

Food Licenses – Ms. Carlson noted that all of the food licenses, with the exception of one, have been renewed for 2019. Ms. Whitehead had requested that Fredon Dairy be issued its own license since they have their own food area that needs to be inspected. Ms. Carlson contacted Fredon Dairy and a license has been issued. Ms. Carlson will follow-up with the remaining business to comply. Ms. Whitehead will complete the food inspections as required.

Livestock at Large Ordinances – Mr. DeCarlos confirmed there is no place to impound livestock, and that if livestock get loose he usually takes them home. Ms. Guiler asked about the status of new requirements for a town fencing ordinance. Mr. Richardson stated that the town ordinance regarding fencing is very vague, and it is not a high priority to change it.

Animal Cruelty – Enforcement of animal cruelty is an issue. New Jersey has new laws regarding animal cruelty. This information has been provided to all dog owners with their dog licenses. Mr. DeCarlos also requested that this information be put in the town newsletter. All agreed. Ms. Carlson will follow up on this. Ms. Carlson will forward a copy of the animal cruelty information provided by the state to all members.

Dog Census – Ms. Guiler asked about the status of the dog census that Fredon used to conduct. Ms. Carlson agreed to follow up on that. *(After the meeting it was determined that a census is no longer required, therefore we don't do them anymore).*

Canine Impound – Mr. DeCarlos confirmed that Green Dog Inn is still our canine impound facility. Ms. Guiler asked if we had a cat shelter. Mr. DeCarlos indicated that most towns don't license cats, therefore they don't generally pick them up (in an emergency they would go to Newton Veterinary Hospital).

Ms. Guiler asked if Fredon still provides the neuter and release program for feral cats. Ms. Carlson confirmed that we do.

Liaison Report

Township Committee – Mr. Richardson stated that work is being done on the budget. New playground equipment has been approved due to the life expectancy of the old equipment, and will be installed in the spring.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Richardson and seconded by Ms. Guiler. All in favor. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlson