

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

Jodi Bettermann	Present	Theresa Brown Biondo	Present	Chair Colburn	Present
Bavly Hani	Present	John Kalinich	Present	David Olsen	Present
Helen Pollack	Present	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

C. MOTION FOR NOMINATIONS

C.1 Nomination for Vice Chair - One Year Term:

A motion was made by Ms. Brown Biondo, seconded by Mr. Kalinich to nominate John Kalinich as Vice Chair for the calendar year 2025.

Jodi Bettermann	Nay	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Abstain
Bavly Hani	Nay	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Nay	Wendy Sheay	----		

A motion was made by Ms. Helen Pollack, seconded by Ms. Jodi Bettermann nominate Jodi Bettermann as Vice Chair for the calendar year 2025.

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Nay	Chair Colburn	Abstain
Bavly Hani	Aye	John Kalinich	Nay	David Olsen	Nay
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

Each nominee spoke about why they should be Vice Chair of the Board of Health. Chair Colburn voted to break the tie. John Kalinich received a one-year term for Vice Chair.

D. BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCES

D.1. Tobacco Ordinance Revisions:

The board members discussed the proposed ordinance revisions and further revisions to be made. Board of Health attorney, Sharon Dragon, ESQ., discussed statutory enforcement, state and federal laws, and Consumer Affairs enforcement. Ms. Dragon will submit a revised ordinance with the discussed revisions to the board for review.

E. MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTIONS

E.1. BH-R-2025-07: Designation of Official Newspapers:

The board discussed the need to update the designation of the official newspapers. A motion was made by Ms. Brown Biondo, seconded by Mr. Kalinich.

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

F.1. BOH Meeting Minutes of 1/15/2025:

A motion was made by Ms. Jodi Bettermann and seconded by Ms. Brown Biondo for approval of the minutes as amended. On roll call, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	Abstain	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

G. APPROVALS – ALTERATION/NO EXPANSION

G.1. Block 40 Lot 1.02 – 150 County Line Road – Stephen E. Parker, P.E.

Time heard 7:38 PM

Stephen Parker, a NJ licensed engineer with Parker Engineering, appeared before the board on behalf of the applicant who has a malfunctioning disposal system. The real estate transaction has gone through. All information regarding maintenance requirements and deed restriction requirements will be given to the new owners.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Olsen for approval as follows:

- Block / Lot:** 40/1.02
- Street Location:** 150 County Line Road
- Number Bedrooms:** 3 bedrooms
- Map Title:** Septic System Design 150 County Line Road Tax Map Lot 1.02 Block 40 Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey
- Number Sheets:** 2
- Map Date(s):** 1/16/2025
- Prepared By:** Stephen E. Parker
- Survey:** Survey of Property Lot No. 1.02 Block 40 Township of Readington Hunterdon County, New Jersey Prepared by David J. Vonsteenburgh P.L.S. dated 9/26/2014
- Reports:** Soil Log Report prepared by Ron Sweitzer of Van Cleef Engineering dated 10/21/2024; Hunterdon County Health Department letter prepared by Robert Vaccarella dated 1/27/2025
- Proposed System:** Alteration/no expansion 1000-gal two compartment septic tank with a 6-inch Tuf Tite effluent filter that will feed a 1300-gal pump tank and gravity dose a 810 SF disposal field. There are no wetlands with 150 ft.
- Required Revisions:** Note 38 on plans to be revised
- Waivers/Approvals:** Pump system

The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown-Biondo. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	Abstain	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

G.2. Block 40 Lot 11.12 - 2 Militia Road - Stephen E. Parker, P.E.

Time heard 7:48 PM

Stephen Parker, a NJ licensed engineer with Parker Engineering, appeared before the board on behalf of the applicant as a result of a real estate transaction. A basin flood and pit bail test were performed and resulted in some water movement but did not meet the requirements. The proposed designed disposal field was increased by 25% and an ATU system is proposed to be installed. Steve Parker read the Hunterdon County Health Department review letter and discussed all points. The engineer is asking for a waiver to be granted

by the board to allow for the zone of treatment to be 18” in thickness, which is allowed under State Code when an ATU is proposed whereas Readington Township ordinance requires a minimum of 48” in the zone of treatment. The proposed ATU system will require an annual inspection by a licensed service provider. A deed restriction will need to be filed for the pump system. The engineer resists the HCHD’s recommendation to include stating the disposal system cannot be expanded in the future and the house can only be kept as a 3-bedroom dwelling in the deed restriction since there are sufficient policies and procedures in place for any future proposed expansions. The engineer also discussed the benefits of the Ecoflo Coco filter ATU system to the board. There are no wetlands within 150 ft.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Olsen for approval as follows:

- Block / Lot:** 46.01/11.12
- Street Location:** 2 Militia Road
- Number Bedrooms:** 3 bedrooms
- Map Title:** Septic System Design 2 Militia Road Tax Map Lot 11.22 Block 46.01 Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey
- Number Sheets:** 2
- Map Date(s):** 1/15/2025
- Prepared By:** Stephen E. Parker
- Survey:** Survey Lot No. 11.12 Block 46.01 Located in Township of Readington Hunterdon County, New Jersey Prepared by James P. Deady P.L.S. dated 9/20/2024
- Reports:** Soil Log Report prepared by Ron Sweitzer of Van Cleef Engineering completed on 10/31/2024; Hunterdon County Health Department letter prepared by Dawn Faltings, R.E.H.S. dated 1/27/2025
- Proposed System:** Alteration/no expansion 1000-gal two compartment septic tank and a Ecoflo EC-7-500-CP system that will gravity dose a fill enclosed soil replacement disposal field of 1008 SF.
- Required Revisions:** County Application page 11
- Waivers/Approvals:** 18” zone of treatment; ATU; Pump system

The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown-Biondo. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	Abstain	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

H. APPROVALS – EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION

None.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

I.1. Public Health Advisory: Accelerated Subtyping of Influenza A in Hospitalized Patients

I.2. Public Health Recall: Food Recalls

I.3. Public Health Update: Update: Industry and Occupation Section in CDRSS

I.4. Public Health Update: Protocols for Testing Cats or Dogs with Compatible Clinical Illness and Risk Factors for H5N1 in New Jersey

I.5. Public Health Recall: New York Wholesale Group Recalls Zaarah Herbals Shatavari Powder Because of Possible Health Risk

I.6. Public Health Info: List of Persons No Longer Eligible to Work as Animal Control Officers

- I.7. Public Health Info: January is Radon Action Month
- I.8. Public Health Advisory: CDC HAN: Ebola Outbreak Caused by Sudan virus in Uganda
- I.9. Public Health Info: Influenza A(H5N1) Investigation Resources
- I.10. Public Health Info: 2024-2025 College & University Flu Challenge Winner Announcement
- I.11. Training Announcement: Prevention and Mitigation of Common Childhood Infectious Illnesses: A Focus on Respiratory Infections
- I.12. Public Health Info: February 13, 2025, Weekly Public Health Update
- I.13. Public Health Advisory: Information to sign up for access to NJDOH/NJDEP Vulnerability Analysis (VA)
- I.14. Public Health Alert: Confirmed Cases of Measles, Bergen County
- I.15. Public Health Alert: REVISED - Confirmed Cases of Measles, Bergen
- I.16. Public Health Info: Veterinary Health and Safety Toolkit
- I.17. Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report for week ending 2_8_25

There was a discussion regarding correspondence items 4 and 9 regarding the bird flu investigation, dead geese found in NJ, and the information provided to residents on the cat cases. There was a discussion regarding raw milk, the NJ ban on the selling of raw milk, and the selling of raw milk in the tri-state area.

J. OLD BUSINESS:

Members discussed the status of scheduling a zoom with the USDA representative to discuss the available resources. No response has been received by their office. John Kalinich thanked the board of health secretary for the successful rabies clinic.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the recent rabies incidents and the process of relaying information. Members discussed the roles of the HCHD, Animal Control, and the local Board of Health.

It was suggested by Jodi Bettermann to assign mentors to new members to help them familiarize themselves with the application process and matters discussed and handled by the board.

L. EMPLOYEE REPORTS

L1. 2025 Rabies Clinic Report:

The Annual Free Rabies Clinic was held on Saturday, January 18th, 2025, at the DPW garage building. The event was successful and 32 cats and 184 dogs were vaccinated.

M. COMMUNICATION PLAN

Members discussed upcoming communication suggestions including topics of Bird Flu, Carbon Monoxide, and Measles/Flu. Members discussed the status and the next steps of the septic notice.

N. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE(S)

N.1. Sustainable Jersey:

Jodi Bettermann reported that the first submission for Sustainable Jersey is 2/23/2025. All members of the New Jersey Local Board of Health Certificates will be submitted.

O. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

P. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. John Kalinich at 8:59 p.m., seconded by Ms. Brown-Biondo, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye
Bavly Hani	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Aye	Wendy Sheay	----		

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Monaghan, Board of Health Secretary