



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held August 7, 2012

MEETING MINUTES - July 10, 2012

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman. Other members present were Ms. Ann Marie Thompson, Mr. Steve Garabedian, Mr. Scott Chase and Mr. Chris Cella. Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator, was also present.

Minutes: *Motion made by Ms. Thompson to accept the minutes of May 22, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was 3-0 in favor. Mr. Chase & Mr. Cella abstained as they were not present for the May 22nd, 2012 meeting.*

Code of Regulations – Prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia and synthetic marijuana:

Present for this discussion was Chief of Police Walter Warchol. Chief Warchol stated that he would like to see a bylaw prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia. He thought that it would be difficult to ban synthetic marijuana as they constantly change the chemicals used in these products. He stated that he would first like to have his department conduct surveillance on the stores in Northbridge to see what products they are selling. Once that survey is complete he will bring it to the Board for their review and consideration.

Mr. McKeon asked that Chief Warchol speak with the surrounding Police Chiefs to see if this is something that the other towns are willing to move forward with. Chief Warchol stated that he would do that. Mr. McKeon informed Chief Warchol that the Board of Health would be happy to assist in taking a pro-active stance against drug paraphernalia as it is certainly a health concern.

Conservation Commission– Notice of Intent –Church Street Extension: The Board reviewed a Notice of Intent for a Proposed Limited Project Roadway Wetland Crossing located at Church Street Extension for Osterman Propane, LLC. *The Board deemed no action or comments were required on this application.*

Planning Board – Site Plan Review Modification & Environmental Notification – Church Street Extension: The Board received notice of Modification of Site Plan and an Environmental Notification Form for Osterman Propane located on Church Street Extension. *The Board deemed no action or comments were required on this application.*

FY 2013 Budget – VNA Contract: The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2013 contract for health services from the VNA. It was noted that the contract price remained the same as Fiscal Year 2012 for \$7,000.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to accept contract from the VNA for FY 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

JOEL Rubbish: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she has taken photos of JOEL Rubbish operating in Town. They were seen picking up trash on Summit Street, Cottage Street, and Pine Street. She further stated that she was unsure of what court order to file in such a case.

Mr. Cella questioned whether a Cease & Desist had been issued to JOEL Rubbish. Ms. Gniadek stated that one had – the Certified Mail Copy of the Cease & Desist was returned “unclaimed”. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that all Certified Mail is also sent by First Class Mail and that the First Class Mail letter was NOT returned to the office.

Mr. McKeon suggested that another Cease & Desist Order be written up and that we ask the Northbridge Police Department to hand-deliver the Order. Ms. Gniadek was instructed to speak with the Police Department to determine how they can assist us in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed the recent waste ban of sharps from residential trash. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she spoke with Jana Ferguson at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding this matter. She offered several suggestions. One, that the Board speak with pharmacy retailers such as CVS and WalMart to see if they would be willing to carry mail-back sharps containers for the convenience of our residents. Another option is for the Board to purchase some mail-back sharps containers and then sell them to the residents which would allow us to purchase additional containers. Ms. Gniadek also stated that sharps disposal could be incorporated into one of our Household Hazardous Waste Days – she stated that she is working with the DPW on that since they are planning a collection day this Fall.

Mr. Cella stated that we should be making the public aware of the sharps ban as well as provide them with information to assist them in proper disposal.

The Board requested that the first step be to ask CVS and WalMart if they have any plans in place and if they would be willing to carry the mail-back sharps containers.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

➤ NONE

Reorganization of Board of Health: Motion was made by Ms. Thompson that Mr. McKeon continue to serve as Chairman, and that Mr. Cella continue to serve as Vice-Chairman. This motion was seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Mr. McKeon motioned that Mr. Chase serve as Clerk; motion seconded by Ms. Thompson – the vote was all in favor.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM was made by Mr. Garabedian and seconded by Ms. Thompson – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

*List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: July 10, 2012*

- 1) Committee Organization form provided by Town Clerk
- 2) DRAFT Minutes of May 22, 2012 Meeting
- 3) Code of Regulations: Copy of Drug Paraphernalia bylaws from Webster and Lynn
- 4) Osterman Propane applications (Notice of Intent, Modification of Site Plan, ENF)
- 5) VNA Contract for FY 2013
- 6) JOEL Rubbish photos
- 7) MDPH Memo – Disposal of Needles & Syringes (June 2012)