

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held September 12, 2017.

MEETING MINUTES ~ JULY 18, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING: TJJ Development – Site Assignment Minor Modification

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman. Other members present were Mr. Steven Garabedian, Mr. Scott Chase, Ms. Lani Criasia and Mr. Chris Cella. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator.

This hearing was convened in order for the Board to consider the application of TJJ Development Corporation for a minor modification of a site assignment to increase the allowable daily and maximum tonnage at the municipal solid waste transfer station at 279 Douglas Road in Whitinsville from 35 tons per day to 49 tons per day, and from 10,010 tons per year to 14,014 tons per year of municipal solid waste.

Mr. McKeon introduced the Hearing Officer who will facilitate this Public Hearing: Mr. John Shea, Esq. of the Boston environmental law firm Mackie Shea PC. Mr. Shea has been an environmental and land use lawyer for over 35 years. He has acted as Hearing Officer in over 25 site assignment hearings throughout Massachusetts. Mr. Shea was selected by Best Lawyers and US News and World Report as the 2013 Environmental Lawyer of the Year for Massachusetts.

A stenographer, Star Gates Curry of McCarthy Reporting Services, was present to record the entire proceeding. A complete transcript of the hearing will be available in the office of the Board of Health.

Mr. Shea proceeded with opening remarks and introductions.

Present were Attorney Jeffrey Blake, Town Counsel (K-P Law), Attorney Joseph Antonellis for the Applicant along with his witnesses: James Berkowitz, Jason Plourde and Whitney Hall. Also present was Shelley Buma representing a Ten Citizens Group in this hearing.

Witness testimony, cross exam, and questioning presented – see transcript for complete details.

A motion to continue the Public Hearing to Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM was made by Mr. Garabedian and seconded by Mr. Chase. The vote on this motion was 4-0 in favor. (The record will reflect that Ms. Criasia was not present at the time of this vote as she had left the Hearing at 10:45 PM)

This meeting was adjourned at 11:55 PM.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health Meeting Date: July 18, 2017

A. TJJ Development – Site Assignment Modification
See Complete Transcript and supporting documentation and exhibits