



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held October 22, 2018.

MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 16, 2018

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

Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Cella to accept the minutes of **September 11, 2018**. Motion seconded by Ms. Criasia. The vote was 3-0 in favor. Mr. Garabedian abstained.

Disposal Works Installer License – Alex Audet (Cont. from 9/11/18 meeting): Mr. Alex Audet, a previously licensed septic system installer whose application in 2015 to renew this license was denied by the Board, returned to the Board for re-consideration of a license to install septic systems.

Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she reached out to the Boards of Health in Uxbridge, Douglas and Millville. She stated that Uxbridge noted that he is licensed and that “he is a good guy”; Douglas stated that he has installed one, maybe two systems; and Millville did not reply. It was noted that Uxbridge was suppose to send some information over but as of the time of the meeting, no information had been received. Ms. Gniadek further informed the Board that Malley Engineering could not recall any systems that Alex Audet installed in Uxbridge. Mr. Audet noted that he hasn’t installed in Uxbridge for over 5 years.

Ms. Criasia noted that Uxbridge’s original email notes that Mr. Audet’s father use to install under Alex’s license but that he no longer does. She questioned whether the systems he installed 5 years ago in Uxbridge were actually his father’s installations. Mr. Audet stated they were not.

Mr. Audet requested a continuance so he could clear things up in Uxbridge. The Board agreed to continue this matter to their next meeting.

Quaker Street Landfill: Ms. Gniadek provided the Board with the IRA (Immediate Response Action) Status Report prepared by EnviroTrac Environmental Services, Dennis P. Giustra, PE, LSP. The report noted that on October 9, 2018 an additional water sample was taken at 63 Carroll Road for confirmatory analysis (PCE was previously found above the MCL). The report further notes the intent to install GAC (granular activated carbon) POET (point-of-Entry) treatment systems at 1256 Quaker Street and at 63 Carroll Road in November of 2018. No further action required at this time.

Tobacco Law Amendments: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that state laws have recently been amended regarding tobacco. Some of these changes include raising the minimum legal sales age from 18 to 21, incorporating vaping products into the definition of tobacco product, and prohibiting the sale of tobacco products in health care institutions, notably pharmacies and supermarkets that contain pharmacies. She also noted that the minimum legal sales age for rolling papers is also being raised to 21.

The Board noted concern that there could be confusion over the raising of the legal age since it incorporates a grand-fathering provision – anyone that turns 18 by December 30, 2018 will continue to be allowed to purchase tobacco products. The Board discussed revising their regulations to simply raise the age to 21, no grand-fathering. They also discussed increasing the non-criminal disposition fees. *The Board instructed Ms. Gniadek to draft revisions to their Youth Access regulations for their consideration and adoption at their next meeting.*

Food Code Changes: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the Public Health Council recently adopted changes to 105 CMR 590.000 – Minimum Requirements for Food Establishments which included the adoption of the 2013 Federal Food Code with the 2015 Amendments.

One of the changes is the definition of food establishment – it no longer includes an establishment that only sells pre-packaged food products that have no time-temperature considerations. Mr. Garabedian was not in favor of this as he feels the Board should still have authority to check these establishments and the products they sell. *The Board instructed Ms. Gniadek to draft revisions to their Food Establishment regulations for their consideration and adoption at their next meeting.*

CBD Products: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she is constantly receiving calls from local retailers that want to sell CBD products. CBD is cannabidiol which is a derivative of the cannabis plant. She stated that she has been in touch with the Northbridge Police Department (NPD) on this matter. As a result of the inquiry, the NPD contacted the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission and that they advised that CBD and hemp fall under the category of marijuana and is considered a schedule one drug noting that federally it is illegal to transport these products over state lines and sell them. The NPD drafted a letter which has been signed by the Police Chief and the Northbridge Board of Health Chairman and has been distributed to numerous retailers in the Town of Northbridge.

Flu Clinics & EDS Drill Set Up: Ms. Gniadek reminded the Board that the November 6th flu clinic at the High School will also serve as our annual EDS drill set up. The clinic is from 3-5 pm and if anyone is available from 2-3 to assist in the set up it would be appreciated. The October 11th flu clinic at the Senior Center was well attended – approximately 80 people were vaccinated that morning from 9-10:30 AM.

Fall Annual Town Meeting – Warrant Article: Ms. Gniadek reminded the Board of the upcoming Fall Town Meeting on October 23, 2018 and that the Board has a budget amendment request under Article 1 for the Quaker Street Landfill.

Citizen's Forum: *No one present for Citizens Forum.*

Correspondence: The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- 1) Pereira/Heritage Park Letter (9/21/18)
- 2) Flyer – “The New Look of Nicotine Addiction”

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM was made by Ms. Criasia and seconded by Mr. Cella – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

A. Meeting Minutes

- 1) September 11, 2018 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Disposal Works Installer License

- 2) Alex Audet
 - a) Emails (9-12-18) to Uxbridge, Millville and Douglas BOHs;
 - b) Malley Engineering Letter ????

C. Quaker Street Landfill

- 3) IRA Status Report - EnviroTrac Environmental Services (October 10, 2018)

D. Board of Health Regulations & Policies

- 4) Tobacco Law Amendments
 - a) The Beacon – Law Summary by D.J. Wilson (MMA)
 - b) MHOA – Amendments to State Tobacco Laws Summary
- 5) Food Code Changes
 - a) Items For Discussion
 - b) New Inspection Report Form
- 6) CBD Products
 - a) NPD & BOH Letter to Retailers
 - b) Police Log (10/13/18)

E. Old & New Business

- 7) Flu Clinic – EDS Set Up Drill – November 6, 2018 – Flu Shot Clinic Flyer
- 8) Fall Town Meeting – Warrant

F. Citizens' Forum - None

G. Correspondence

- 9) Miscellaneous
 - a) Heritage Park Resident (Pereira) – Letter dated 9/21/18
 - b) Flyer – New Look of Nicotine Addiction