



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held September 15, 2020.

MEETING MINUTES - JULY 1, 2020

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman. Other members present were Mr. Steve Garabedian and Mr. Chris Cella. Mr. Scott Chase and Ms. Lani Criasia were absent. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator.

This meeting was held at the Town Hall and held virtually through Zoom.

Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of **March 16, 2020**. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon. The vote was 2-0 in favor; Mr. Cella abstained.

Purgatory Beer: Present for this meeting via Zoom was Kevin Mulvehill, owner of Purgatory Beer. Mr. Mulvehill is seeking to obtain a food permit so that he can operate the brewery under the restaurant guidelines as allowed by Governor Baker. Mr. Mulvehill stated that they will be serving soft pretzels.

Motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to approve food permit application subject to an inspection by the health inspector. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was 3-0 in favor.

Mr. Cella motioned that through the issuance of this food permit, the Purgatory Beer Brewery meets state guidelines for re-opening under the brewery and restaurant guidelines. Motion was seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was 3-0 in favor.

Grille 122: The Board reviewed the application of Grille 122 to provide outdoor seated dining.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to approve outdoor seated dining application pending review and inspection by the health inspector Ms. Terry Gilchrist. Motion was seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.

Restaurants vs. Bars: The Board discussed an email from The Gray Barn requesting they be allowed to open as they have a food permit. Mr. Cella stated he would like to see a seating chart. Mr. Garabedian stated that they would need to keep the bar closed and possibly remove seats.

Mr. Cella motioned to require additional information including a seating plan before the Board could determine whether they could classify this establishment as a restaurant. Motion was seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was all in favor.

Outdoor Dining – Smoke Free Workplace Law: The Board reviewed an email from Sarah McColgan of the MHOA regarding outdoor dining and smoking.

Motion made by Mr. McKeon that outdoor seating is to be treated as a restaurant and that there shall be no smoking by patrons. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.

COVID 19 COMPLAINTS – Gyms: The Board reviewed an Enforcement Order issued by the Department of Labor Standards for CrossFit 588 located at 1 Main Street after they received a complaint. Gyms are not slated to open until Phase 3.

Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that several concerns were sent into the office regarding Bellator Fitness on Providence Road stating that they have been in operation.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to send Certified Letter/Cease & Desist to Bellator Fitness as they must remain closed until Phase 3. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was 2-0 in favor; Mr. Garabedian abstained.

Mill House Wine & Spirits: The Board reviewed the application for food permit at this establishment due to change in ownership. **Motion made by Mr. Cella to approve; seconded by Mr. Garabedian; all in favor.**

Lovey's Ice Cream Truck: The Board reviewed the application for a food permit to operate an ice cream truck. **Motion to approve subject to inspection by Ms. Gilchrist made by Mr. McKeon; seconded by Mr. Garabedian; all in favor.**

Fresh Local Food Truck: The Board reviewed the application of Sir Loin Catering to operate their mobile food truck, Fresh Local, at the Whitinsville Golf Club. Ms. Gniadek noted that Ms. Gilchrist has already inspected this food truck. **Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to approve application. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.**

Temporary Pop-Up Food Event: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she has received an application for a temporary event to be set up in the parking lot of Advance Auto Parts selling frozen meats. Mr. McKeon stated that he wants to know when the truck arrives in town so that the Health department can immediately check the temps of the frozen foods to ensure that they arrive in a frozen state.

Planning Board Application – Mike's Way – Definitive Subdivision: The Board reviewed a report from Steve Donatelli, Agent to the Board, regarding his review of this subdivision. The Board also noted receipt of an email from the Whitinsville Water Company referencing his concerns on Title 5 septic system locations throughout the subdivision.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to combine both reports to Planning Board for their review and consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was all in favor.

Food Code Pro: Mr. McKeon informed the Board that this is a software inspection program currently being used by Ms. Gilchrist to conduct her restaurant inspections. She was able to use it through a grant but the Town must now pay for continued use.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to fund the Food Code Pro for FY 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.

On another note, the Food Code Pro developer has just established a Housing Code edition that the town can use through FY 2021 through a grant program. The Board agreed that Ms. Gniadek should inquire about this program.

Mr. McKeon noted that Ms. Gilchrist intends on retiring at the end of this year and is hoping to move to Florida to be closer to her family. Mr. McKeon stated that he wants the Board to hire a full-time inspector for restaurants and housing when that happens. The Board noted that this is subject to budget approval but felt strongly that it needs to happen.

Salmon VNA Contract FY 20221: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the VNA contract increased by \$1,000 for FY 2021.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to approve the Salmon VNA contract for FY 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.

Ms. Gniadek asked the Board to consider sending a letter to Salmon VNA expressing their gratitude for the hard work exhibited by our public health nurse Ann Labonte during these difficult times. Ms. Gniadek stated that Ann was there for her on weekends, evenings, whenever needed and has truly been an asset to the health department during these difficult times.

Muslim Holiday Event: The Board discussed the intent of a local sheep farmer to hold his Muslim holiday event, Eid Al Adha, at the end of July at the sheep farm located on Hill Street. Mr. Mustafa Harrati contacted the Board stating that the ritual slaughter/sacrifice is exempt from any oversight because it is a religious holiday. He anticipates having about 100 people at the farm where they will slaughter the animals and then each family will barbecue the meat. He stated that the families will be separated practicing social distancing. The remains, which he claims are very little, are composted on the farm.

The Board was unsure how to address the matter and asked that Ms. Gniadek seek permission to discuss with Town Counsel.

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

Old & New Business: *None*

Correspondence: The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- a. Planning Board PH Notice – Mike's Way
- b. Planning Board PH Notice – Eskar Northbridge – Retail Marijuana
- c. MDPH Letter to Municipal Officials

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM was made by Mr. Garabedian and seconded by Mr. Cella – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: July 1, 2020

A. Meeting Minutes

- 2) March 16, 2020 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Food Establishments – COVID 19

- 3) Purgatory Beer
 - a. Application for Retail Food Establishment Permit
 - b. Equipment Spec Sheets
 - c. Outdoor Dining Application
- 4) Grille 122
 - a. Outdoor Dining Application
- 5) Restaurants vs. Bars (Email (June 19, 2020) from The Gray Barn)
- 6) Outdoor Dining – Smoke Free Workplace Law (Email (June 16, 2010) from Sarah McColgan)

C. COVID 19 Complaints

- 7) Gyms
 - a. Email (June 12, 2020) regarding Bellator Fitness
 - b. Email (June 29, 2020) from DLS re: CrossFit 588 – Enforcement Order/Cease & Desist
- 8) Misc. Mask Complaints: Copy of spreadsheet showing list of inspections COVID 19 Complaints

D. Food Permit Applications

- 9) Mill House Wine & Spirits – Change in Ownership – Food Permit Application
- 10) Lovey's Ice Cream Truck – Mobile Food Truck Permit Application
- 11) Sir Loin's Catering – Mobile Food Truck Permit Application
- 12) Pop-Up Event – Email from Jessica Rivera

E. Planning Board Applications

- 13) Mike's Way – Definitive Subdivision Plan
 - a. Report from Steve Donatelli
 - b. Email Whitinsville Water Company

F. Old & New Business

- 14) Food Code Pro – Invoice from Relevant Systems
- 15) Salmon VNA – Contract for Fiscal Year 2021
- 16) Muslim Holiday- Email (June 23, 2020) to DPH re; Request for Ritual Slaughter Event

G. Citizens' Forum – No Documents

H. Correspondence

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