



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held May 11, 2021

MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 16, 2020

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This meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM by Ms. Lani Criasia, Chair. Other members present were Mr. Chris Cella, Mr. Paul McKeon, and Mr. Scott Chase. Mr. Steve Garabedian was absent. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator.

Also present were Jeffrey Blake and Matthew Sirigu (K-P Law), Attorney Joseph Antonellis, and Mr. James Berkowitz.

Minor Modification of Site Assignment – TJJ Development – Deliberations/Decision:

The Board reviewed the transcript and exhibits from the Public Hearing held February 9, 2021 for a minor modification of site assignment to increase the allowable daily and maximum annual tonnage at the solid waste handling facility located at 279 Douglas Road, owned and operated by TJJ Development, from 49 tons per day to 100 tons per day of municipal solid waste.

Mr. Cella requested that the construction of the so-called “push wall” as described in Exhibit No. 14 be included as a condition of approval. Mr. Chase agreed noting that he and Chair Criasia when on a site visit to the property had been informed of the proposed location of the push wall.

Ms. Criasia questioned how often pest control services are conducted at the property. Mr. Berkowitz confirmed that they have weekly pest control services.

Ms. Criasia questioned the repairs requested to the exterior walls. Attorney Blake noted that the requested repairs are included in the draft decision (Condition #4).

Attorney Blake advised the Board that there are two decisions that the Board needs to vote on. The first being whether the granting of the modification would pose a threat to public health, safety or the environment. The second being whether the Board votes to grant or deny the minor modification request.

Motion made by Mr. Cella that the granting of a minor modification to the site assignment will pose no threat to the public health, safety, or the environment. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon. Roll call vote as follows: Criasia/YES; Cella/YES; McKeon/YES, Chase/YES – the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Chase to grant the request of TJJ Development for the minor modification of its site assignment to increase the allowable daily and maximum tonnage at the Site from 49 tons per day to 100 tons per day, and from 14,014 tons per year to 28,600 tons per year of municipal solid waste. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon. Roll call vote as follows: Criasia/YES; Cella/YES; McKeon/YES, Chase/YES – the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board of a grant opportunity for shared health agent services. The Board agreed that this should be pursued as there is no cost to the town.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM was made by Mr. Chase and seconded by Mr. McKeon – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
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A. Minor Modification of Site Assignments

- 1) Public Hearing Transcript (McCarthy Reporting Service) (February 9, 2021)
- 2) Public Hearing Exhibits No. 1 thru 15
- 3) DRAFT Statement of Findings and Decision (prepared by Atty. Antonellis)
- 4) DRAFT Statement of Findings and Decision (prepared by K-P Law)