



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held March 15, 2022

MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 8, 2022

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This meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Ms. Lani Criasia, Chair. Other members present were Mr. Chris Cella, Mr. Steve Garabedian and Ms. Linda Lermond. Also present were Health Inspectors Ms. Danielle Edmands and Mr. Daniel Markman, and Jeanne M. Gniadek, BOH Administrator.

Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Cella to accept the minutes of **January 11, 2022** and **January 18, 2022**. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian. The vote was all in favor.

Title 5 – Sewage Disposal – Local Upgrade – 356 Purgatory Road: Present for this meeting was Margaret Bacon, PE, Civil Site Engineering. Ms. Bacon provided proof of notice to the abutter who was not present this evening.

Ms. Bacon explained that she is seeking a local upgrade for the repair of the septic system at 356 Purgatory Road due to property line setback reductions and setback to the on-site well as follows:

- SAS to property line – 10' required – 7.6' proposed
- Septic Tank to property line – 10' required – 5.1' proposed
- SAS to existing on site well – 100' required – 52.5' proposed

Ms. Bacon noted that the home is currently serviced by an existing cesspool – that system will be replaced with a Presby Environmental system. Ms. Criasia questioned the water quality asking when it was last tested. Ms. Bacon was unsure. Ms. Criasia suggested that the well be tested under Title 5 criteria to establish a baseline.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to grant local upgrades subject to well being tested under Title 5 standards prior to construction. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.

Title 5 – Sewage Disposal – Local Upgrade – 1540 Quaker Street: Present for this meeting was Margaret Bacon, PE, Civil Site Engineering. Ms. Bacon provided proof of notice to the abutter who was not present this evening. Property owner, Katrina Domenech, was present.

Ms. Bacon explained that she is seeking a local upgrade for the repair of the septic system at 1540 Quaker Street due to property line setback reductions and setbacks to the on-site and abutting well as follows:

- SAS to property line – 10' required – 7.1' proposed
- SAS to onsite well – 100' required – 50.8' proposed
- SAS to abutting well – 100' required – 73.8' proposed

Ms. Criasia questioned whether the owner's well has recently been tested. Ms. Domenech stated that she did not believe so. Ms. Criasia stated that both wells should be tested prior to construction of the new system to get baseline water test results on file.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to grant local upgrades subject to both wells being tested under Title 5 standards prior to construction. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.

Food Service Standards – New China Pacific Restaurant: The Board reviewed the most recent inspection report as well as the most recent audit report from Roger Kwan for this establishment. Ms. Criasia asked Ms. Edmands for her input and suggestion on frequency of inspections.

Ms. Edmands noted that things are going good there and that she is hopeful Ms. Chen will continue to impress her down the road. She noted that she inspected the facility on February 7th as did Mr. Kwan so Ms. Chen was hit with a double inspection but she did not seem upset with that, just informed her that Mr. Kwan had just left. Ms. Edmands stated that she is scheduled to do monthly inspections and she feels that is sufficient.

Advinia Care @ Northbridge: Present for this meeting was Mr. David Jasinski, Executive Director, Michael Brown, Regional Environmental Director for Pointe Group, and Mr. Larry Ayotte from the water testing company Garrett-Callahan.

Mr. Cella asked Mr. Jasinski if the filters are installed on any of the faucets. He also questioned why there are no signatures on the filter install sheets. Ms. Criasia questioned if the filters are changed every 30 days – she also questioned why there are no signatures on the paperwork.

Mr. Jasinski stated that the Director of Plant Operations is suppose to sign. He noted that the Director is new, he has only been at Advinia for about one month. He stated he would follow up with him on the paperwork.

Mr. Jasinski provided a background on the Point-of-Use filters. Mr. Cella stated that he (Mr. Jasinski) sent the Board information that says the filters need to be changed every 14 days but you're telling me it's 30 days. Mr. Cella was frustrated with the receipt of inaccurate information.

The daughter of a resident, Cindy Jezerski, spoke to the Board upset that her mother cannot even get a bath. They are only offering showers so if a resident can't or doesn't want a shower their

only alternative is to have a bed bath which is simply a sponge bath. She also complained that the food is cold when the residents get their meals and that they are not provided proper dishware and utensils.

Ms. Criasia questioned why there are no filters on the whirlpool tubs so residents can get a bath. Mr. Jasinski stated that the focus was on getting the plumbing work completed to eliminate the legionella. He stated that whirlpools were not provided due to the vapors from the tub. Ms. Criasia questioned why they would deny their residents whirlpool baths by not installing filters on these fixtures. Mr. Jasinski stated that filters are a temporary fix and that they need to get to the root of the problem. Ms. Criasia stated that if baths are part of their care plan then every effort should have been made to take care of that for the residents.

Mr. Cella stated that he wants filters installed on the whirlpool tubs for the residents. He also requested that they take tests now and again after the filter installations. Mr. Cella stated that pre and post testing of all 5 whirlpool tubs with chain of custody of water sampling needs to be done. He also noted that he wants to see the actual official lab reports from Aerobiology.

Mr. Ayotte explained that the paperwork was an internal control to keep track of what was being done within the facility but will be sure that the documents are noted on letterhead and signed appropriately in the future.

Mr. Jasinski requested the Board's approval to use the dishwasher noting that the gauge registered above 180°F. Mr. Cella questioned the picture sent noting that again there is no documentation, just a photo which could have come from anywhere. The Board requested that either Ms. Edmands or Mr. Markman test the temperature of the dish machine and if it meets the required 180°F then it can be put back into use at the facility.

Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation – 642 Carpenter Road: The Board noted that neither the owner or occupant was present for this meeting. Ms. Edmands explained her frustration that the work is not getting done at this dwelling unit.

Mr. Garabedian made a motion to take the matter to Housing Court. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.

Health Inspector Part-Time Position: The Board discussed the recent interviews of three applicants for the part-time health inspector position; Ms. Kaitlin Donahue, Mr. James Racicot, and Mr. Patrick Hannon.

Ms. Lermond stated she was leaning towards Ms. Donahue. Mr. Garabedian stated he liked Mr. Racicot, felt he could hit the ground running but that he didn't have a problem with Ms. Donahue. Mr. Cella stated that he was also leaning towards Ms. Donahue noting that he liked the fact that she had attended a previous meeting of the Board. Ms. Criasia stated she liked Mr. Hannon. The Board agreed to recommend Ms. Kaitlin Donahue to the Town Manager for his consideration. Ms. Criasia requested that all applicants receive a notice of thanks for applying.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Application to construct within a Floodplain: The Board reviewed a Special Permit Application for the construction of a detached garage at 2116 Providence Road. This property lies within a floodplain district.

Motion was made by Mr. Cella to recommend approval of the Special Permit application subject to applicant providing the location of the on-site sewage disposal system and that they meet minimum setback requirements per Title 5. Motion was seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.

At-Home Test Kits: The Board reviewed the plan for distribution of the At-Home Test Kits prepared by Ms. Gniadek. The plan focuses on the elderly and low income residents. Ms. Gniadek informed the board that the kits were picked up in Uxbridge and are being stored in the Board of Health office.

Town Meeting Warrant Article – Quaker Street Landfill: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that they needed to vote on placing a warrant article on the Spring Town Meeting to address the Immediate Response Action Plan at the Quaker Street Landfill – per EnviroTrac, the landfill engineers, the estimated cost for Fiscal Year 2023 is \$25,000.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to place the following Article on the Spring Town Meeting:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$25,000 to comply with the Immediate Response Action Plan submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for activities at the Quaker Street Landfill; or take any other action relative thereto.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.

In other related business, Ms. Gniadek informed the Board of additional tasks that need to be addressed with the landfill including the installation of an additional carbon filter unit at 1201 Quaker Street, water testing for PFAS, the completion of a Phase 2 report to the MassDEP and the installation of a water treatment system at 11 Mendon Road to address the lead at this residence. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that EnviroTrac estimates these costs to be between \$13,500 and \$15,500. The Board agreed to expend funds up to \$15,500 from existing landfill accounts to get these tasks completed.

Annual Report – 2021: The Board was provided the draft 2021 Annual Report prepared by Ms. Gniadek. The Board agreed to review and to return any comments, additions or deletions to Ms. Gniadek in a timely manner as the report must be filed by February 25th with the Town Manager's office.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM was made by Mr. Cella and seconded by Mr. Garabedian – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

Next Meeting scheduled for: March 15, 2022 at 5:15 PM
(This will be an in-person meeting)

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: February 8, 2022

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1) January 11, 2022 and January 18, 2022 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Title 5 Sewage Disposal

- 2) Local Upgrade – 356 Purgatory Road
 - a. Form 9A Application for Local Upgrade Approval
 - b. Letter to Abutter
 - c. Septic Design Plan; Civil Site Engineering (November 22, 2021)
- 3) Local Upgrade – 1540 Quaker Street
 - a. Form 9A Application for Local Upgrade Approval
 - b. Letter to Abutter
 - c. Septic Design Plan; Civil Site Engineering (November 29, 2021)

C. Food Service Standards

- 4) New China Pacific Restaurant
 - a. January 15, 2022 Audit Visit Report – Roger Kwan
 - b. Inspection Report (2/7/2022)
 - c. February 7, 2022 Audit Visit Report – Roger Kwan

D. Advinia Care @ Northbridge

- 5) Updates / Review
 - a. Email (February 1, 2022) from Jeanne Gniadek to David Jasinski
 - b. Advinia Care Response Letter (February 7, 2022)
 - c. Exhibits A through D

E. Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation

- 6) 642 Carpenter Road, Apt. #2 – Reinspection Letter (February 1, 2022)

F. Health Inspector Part-Time Position

- 7) Selection of Inspector – *No documents*

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

- 8) Special Permit Application for 2116 Providence Road

H. Old & New Business

- 9) At- Home Test Kits – Distribution Policy / Suggested Distribution List
- 10) Warrant Article – Quaker Street Landfill
 - a. Memo re: Spring Annual Town Meeting
 - b. DRAFT Warrant Article Memorandum
 - c. EnviroTrac email (January 28, 2022)
- 11) 2021 Annual Report of the Board of Health

I. Citizen's Forum

J. Correspondence