



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held May 15, 2023.

MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 10, 2023

This meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mr. Chris Cella, Vice-Chair. Other members present were Ms. Linda Lermond, RN, Mr. Steve Garabedian and Ms. Erin Meagher, NP. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Board of Health Administrator, Ms. Danielle Edmands and Mr. Daniel Markman, Regional Health Inspectors for the Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health. Ms. Lani Criasia was absent.

Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Lermond to accept the minutes of **March 20, 2023**. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian. The vote was all in favor.

Minimum Standards for Food Establishments – Northbridge House of Pizza: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the owner of this establishment, Mr. Amir Roufail, had requested this meeting as he was not happy with the recent inspection by Ms. Danielle Edmands.

Ms. Edmands gave a summary of recent events including her recent inspection on March 27th where it was noted that his food manager certification had expired, evidence of smoking in the establishment, improper storage of hazardous chemical and medicines as well as a bed located in the office area. She noted that she conducted a re-inspection on April 3rd. At that time she informed him that he would receive a ticket due to his failure to have a food manager present. She noted that the bed had been removed but that Mr. Roufail stated that the health, fire and building departments would be held liable for his death since he can no longer sleep at the establishment claiming that medicine he is taking makes it hard for him to sleep so he stays at the establishment and works there until 3 or 4 in the morning and then he goes to sleep. She noted that he was very confrontational. After her re-inspection Mr. Roufail contacted the BOH office and demanded that Ms. Gniadek conduct an inspection. Ms. Gniadek stated that she declined to do so and informed him that he had an issue with Mr. Markman and now with Ms. Edmands so maybe the problem is not the inspectors but the establishment and as he continued to rant she advised him to voice his frustrations with the Board, not her, which is why this matter was placed on the BOH agenda as he had accepted the offer to appear before the Board this evening.

Mr. Garabedian noted that the violations cited by Mr. Markman last year were almost identical to the violations cited by Ms. Edmands. Mr. Markman and Ms. Edmands informed the Board that Mr. Roufail told each of them that he doesn't care what the Board of Health says, he only cares about what his customers say. Mr. Markman noted that in his conversation with Mr. Roufail he stated that he will go back to doing the violation as soon as the inspector leaves the establishment.

The Board questioned what could be done and even considered closure of the establishment. It was noted that Mr. Roufail has enrolled in the May 8th Food Manager class that Mr. Markman is teaching and that Mr. Roufail stated he is in the process of selling the establishment.

A motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to require Mr. Roufail's presence at the next Board of Health meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meagher; the vote was all in favor.

Inspector of Animals: The Board reviewed the email received from Maurice Guilbault indicating that he would not be seeking re-appointment to the position of Inspector of Animals for Northbridge.

Present, to discuss his interest in this position, was Mr. Scott Schofield, who stated that he grew up in Whitinsville and is now a resident of Uxbridge. He graduated from Norfolk County Agricultural High School with a focus on farm and livestock management and is currently employed there.

Motion was made by Ms. Meagher to recommend to the Town Manager that Mr. Schofield be nominated to the position of Inspector of Animals, subject to confirmation from the Department of Agriculture. This motion was seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.

Quaker Street Landfill – Updates: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that after a meeting with the Town Manager and representatives from MassDEP, EnviroTrac (the Board's LSP) prepared a proposal for additional well water testing in the vicinity of the landfill at eight properties. Bottled water is also being supplied to an additional five properties based on prior testing results and what are considered Critical Exposure Pathways.

As for the waste at the toe of the slope, the Town will need to consider whether to remove the waste and haul it to another location, move the waste to the toe of the slope and cap over that area, or cap over the entire area where waste was located. Additionally, the Board will need to determine if the existing cap needs to be replaced or if routine maintenance can repair the concaved portion at the top where water settles, so much so that wetland vegetation is now growing.

Ms. Gniadek noted that MassDEP considers the Owner of the Property, as well as the Town, to each be 100% responsible for anything that needs to be done. MassDEP stated that a Notice of Responsibility will be going to the property owner.

Old/New Business: Ms. Gniadek distributed the Spring Town Meeting Warrant which is scheduled for May 2, 2023.

Valley Pub: In other New Business, Mr. Cella reported to the Board the contents of a letter from the Northbridge Fire Department regarding a recent inspection of this establishment after receipt of an anonymous complaint to the Board of Health office. The letter notes excessive grease build up throughout kitchen including the hood and hood filters, no working fire alarm system in the building and excessive amount of CO tanks not properly secured.

Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Kaitlin Donahue also conducted an inspection that day, April 6th, and that she will forward that report to the Board members for review.

Motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to bring the owner(s) of this establishment before the Board at their next meeting to review these findings. Motion was seconded by Ms. Lermond; the vote was all in favor.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 6:20 PM was made by Mr. Garabedian and seconded by Ms. Lermond – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

Next Meeting scheduled for: Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: April 10, 2023

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1) March 20, 2023 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Minimum Standards for Food Establishments

- 2) Northbridge House of Pizza
 - a. Inspection Report (March 27, 2023)
 - b. Re-Inspection Report (April 3, 2023)
 - c. Fire Department Notice of Non-Compliance (March 30, 2023)

C. Old & New Business

- 3) Inspector Animals – Resignation Email
- 4) Quaker Street Landfill – Contract for LSP Services
- 5) Spring Town Meeting – Warrant for the May 2, 2023 meeting

D. Citizen's Forum -None

E. Correspondence - None