



## TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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*The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held August 2, 2023.*

### MEETING MINUTES - JULY 10, 2023

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This meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Ms. Lani Criasia, Chair. Other members present were Mr. Chris Cella, Ms. Linda Lermond, RN, and Mr. Steve Garabedian. Ms. Erin Meagher, NP, arrived after the reading and approval of meeting minutes.

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.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of **June 12, 2023**. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella. The vote was 4-0 in favor; Ms. Meagher was not yet present to vote.

**Tobacco Control Program – Hearing: Village Variety:** Present for this hearing was Raja, manager of the Village Variety store, to discuss the recent violation of having a self-service display of tobacco products which resulted in a \$50 fine. Raja stated that he had ordered a cabinet to take the place of the self-service display area but that the cabinet had not yet come in and the tobacco products were left there because he has so little space in the store. The Board noted that this was not the first offense of having a self-service display and ordered that payment of the \$50 fine be paid to the Town.

**Tobacco Control Program – Regulations:** The Board received the DRAFT of revised tobacco regulations from the Boards of Health Tobacco Control Alliance. The Board will review and address any questions with Joan Hamlett, Director, in preparation of a meeting in September to review this final DRAFT document in order to hold a public hearing in October. No further action taken at this time.

**VNA Contract FY 2024:** The Board reviewed the contract for public health nursing services as provided by the Salmon VNA & Hospice. The Board noted no changes or increases in contract costs. Mr. Cella questioned whether this contract was funded under the BOH budget. Ms. Gniadek noted that it was.

**Motion made by Mr. Cella to approve the VNA Contract for public health nursing services for FY 2024 through the Salmon VNA. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.**

**Quaker Street Landfill:** Ms. Gniadek provided an update to the Board with regard to pending activities to be taken at the Quaker Street Landfill after receipt of the NOR (Notice of Responsibility) issued by MassDEP. The NOR has been issued to the Town, as operator of the landfill, and to the Owner of the property.

Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she expects seven (7) POET (Point-of-Entry Treatment) systems to be installed this week. After that we are looking at monthly testing of these units – the water will be tested prior to treatment and after treatment to ensure that the POET system is addressing the PFAS that has been found in the drinking water wells. It was noted that the PFAS found is within drinking water standards, but that MassDEP has determined that these fall into a category known as Critical Exposure Pathways, or CEPs, and therefore ordered water treatment units be installed at these properties. She additionally noted that the Town Manager is scheduling a meeting with Town Counsel and counsel for the property owner to discuss shared costs and liabilities.

**Bylaw Review Committee:** At the request of the Bylaw Review Committee, the Board reviewed the Town Bylaw Section 9-400 “Disposal of Waste Material”. The Board did not note anything of concern that required attention.

**ZBA Application – TJJ Development:** The Board reviewed a Special Permit application to allow for the modification of a previously approved contractor’s yard on Douglas Road. Proposed work is within the Floodplain. The Board noted the plan provides compensatory storage due to the proposed fill within the floodplain area.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cella to approve the proposed modification for work on Douglas Road by TJJ Development for the construction of a contractor’s yard within the floodplain. Motion was seconded by Ms. Meagher; the vote was all in favor.**

**Northbridge House of Pizza:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the office has received an application for a food permit for the proposed new owners of Northbridge House of Pizza. Mr. Markman and Ms. Edmands, along with Ms. Gniadek, conducted a walk-through of the facility to identify any code updates that would be required prior to issuance of the food permit. Ms. Edmands noted that while there has been significant improvement the facility is still in need of a deep cleaning. Personal items belonging to the current, soon to be prior, owner still need to be removed. Of biggest note was the need for the installation of a hand-wash sink in the food prep area. Ms. Edmands noted that the new owners expressed concern as to what would happen if they were unable to install a sink and questioned whether a portable sink could be used. Ms. Edmands and Mr. Markman advised the owners that they would need to provide proof from a licensed plumber that a sink could not be installed and then, they would need to request a variance from the Board of Health to determine if they could use a portable sink.

The Board questioned when the new owners expected to take over. Ms. Edmands noted that they were going before the Board of Selectmen on July 17<sup>th</sup> for their common victualler’s license and that they hope to take over operations at that time. Mr. Cella questioned ownership with a change in the common vic license and what would happen if the repairs noted by Ms. Edmands and Mr. Markman had not yet been completed. Ms. Gniadek stated that the food permit would not be released to the new owners until they were substantially in compliance with the inspection recently conducted and necessary upgrades that have been required.

**Riley Pond:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that David Pickart, Conservation Agent, has observed what appears to be a Cyanobacteria (blue green algae) bloom at Riley Pond on Castle Hill Road. This information was forwarded to MDPH who has asked that the location be posted with warning signs.

Ms. Gniadek provided the Board with a draft public health advisory along with some MDPH guidance. The Board asked that the advisory along with the MDPH information sheets be posted to the Town's web site.

**Annual Re-Organization of the Board:** As required under the Town bylaws, the Board opened up nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk.

**Motion made by Mr. Cella that the committee remain status quo (Ms. Criasia as Chair, Mr. Cella as Vice-Chair, and Ms. Lermond as Clerk). This motion was seconded by Ms. Meagher; the vote was all in favor.**

*There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM was made by Mr. Garabedian and seconded by Mr. Cella – all in favor.*

*Attested by,*

*Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator*

**Next Meeting scheduled for: Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:30 PM (if needed)**

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

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**A. Approval of Minutes**

- 1) June 12, 2023 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**B. Tobacco Control Program**

- 2) Village Variety
  - a. Letter requesting hearing (received June 28, 2023)
  - b. Notice of Violation of Self-Service Display w/ photo
- 3) DRAFT Tobacco Regulations

**C. Fiscal Year 2024 – VNA Contract**

- 4) VNA – Contract for public health nursing services in FY 2024

**D. Quaker Street Landfill**

- 5) NOR Response - *No documents*

**E. Bylaw Review Committee**

- 6) Section 9-400
  - a. Email from Linda Zywień, Town Clerk
  - b. Section 9-400 – Disposal of Waste Material

**F. Zoning Board of Appeals**

- 7) TJJ Development – Special Permit Application for work within a flood plain

**G. Old & New Business**

- 8) Northbridge House of Pizza
  - a. Application for permit to operate a food establishment
  - b. Food Manager Certifications: Kirolos Mosad, Maged Fakhry
- 9) Riley Pond
  - a. DRAFT Public Health Advisory
  - b. Photo (D. Pickart) of Riley Pond
  - c. MDPH Fact Sheets on Harmful Algal Blooms

**H. Annual Re-Organization of Board**

- 10) Nominations
  - a. Committee Organization Form
  - b. Northbridge Code – 4-204

**I. Citizen's Forum - none**

**J. Correspondence**

Miscellaneous: Planning Board Public Hearing Notices for Douglas Road and Winston Woods