



## TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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*The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held May 22, 2012*

### MEETING MINUTES - March 13, 2012

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This meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman. Other members present were Mr. Steve Garabedian and Mr. Chris Cella. Ms. Ann Marie Thompson and Mr. Scott Chase were absent. Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator, was also present.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of **February 27, 2012**. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was 2-0 in favor; Mr. Cella abstained.

**Food Establishment – Foppema’s Farm – Well Water:** Present for this meeting was Lisa Foppema, owner of Foppema’s Farm. The Board had requested her attendance to discuss the private well at this facility.

Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the matter of the private well was missed in the past and that concerns were raised as to whether or not the water supply fell under the category of a public water supply system requiring DEP approval. She stated that after speaking with Ms. Foppema regarding the water usage, she spoke with DEP, and it was agreed that since there is no food preparation on-site (all foods come in prepared and are just baked off in the kitchen) that this water supply does not fall under the public water system guidelines.

Ms. Foppema stated that the water is used for rinsing off the vegetables, washing the baking pans which are properly sanitized after being washed, and for water to flush the toilets.

Mr. McKeon stated that he would like to see the well water tested. Ms. Foppema provided the Board with water testing done on February 28, 2012. The sodium was elevated but she stated that the water testing company informed her that this is only a concern to someone on a low-sodium diet.

**Motion made by Mr. Cella to require submission of annual water tests on the well prior to opening this establishment. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.**

**Food Establishment – Corner Pizza & Grill – Update:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that there has been no progress on this proposed food establishment – no new plans or information have been submitted for Board of Health review.

**Food Establishment – Friendly Discount Liquors:** Mr. Garabedian informed the Board that he conducted a re-inspection at Friendly Liquors to address the ceiling issue and the ice bag label issue. Mr. Garabedian stated that all was corrected but did inform the establishment that if upon the next inspection by Ms. Gilchrist she finds that the new label system is not working then they will be required to purchase pre-labeled bags for the packaging of their ice.

**Planning Board – Site Plan Review – One Plummers Corner:** The Board reviewed the proposed site plan for a future addition and parking at One Plummers Corner. The Board expressed no concerns or comments for the Planning Board's consideration on this application.

**Conservation Commission – ANRAD – Douglas Road:** In accordance with the regulations of the Northbridge Conservation Commission, a copy of the ANRAD (Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation) for property located on Douglas Road was filed with the Northbridge Board of Health. No action required by the Board.

**Old & New Business:** The Board reviewed the **Semi-Annual Waste Transfer Station Inspection Report for Berkowitz Trucking** located at 279 Douglas Road. It was noted by the Board that the facility no longer grinds wood at this location.

The Board reviewed information on **Remote Participation 940 CMR 29.10**. The Board expressed their opposition to the adoption of this matter. **Motion made by Mr. Garabedian that the Board not support Remote Participation. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.**

**Linwood Mill – Bakery Proposal:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she has been questioned on whether an external grease trap would be required for a bakery should one become a tenant at the Linwood Mill complex. She stated that current regulations require an external grease trap for facilities with seating over 75 seats. The bakery would have approximately 25 seats. Mr. McKeon stated that this is addressed in the Plumbing Code so the matter should be referred to the Plumbing Inspector. Ms. Gniadek stated that internal grease traps are addressed in the plumbing code, but that external grease traps fall under the Board's jurisdiction. Mr. McKeon also suggested that Mark Kuras, the Sewer Superintendent, be consulted regarding this matter. After further discussion, **motion made by Mr. Cella to allow the establishment without an external grease trap requirement with right to re-assess the situation at a later date if the grease becomes an issue. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote being 2-1 in favor. Mr. McKeon voted in opposition.**

Mr. McKeon informed the Board that during a **DEP conference** attended today he has learned that **Title 5 Variances** will in the future no longer be subject to DEP approval – these approvals will be done on the local level by the Board of Health.

**Citizens Forum:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she had received a complaint regarding the Recycle Bins that are left out on a windy day causing papers and other recyclable materials to be strewn throughout neighborhoods. Ms. Gniadek stated that she informed the caller that she would bring this matter to the attention of the Board. The Board did not take any action on this matter.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- Department of Agriculture – Annual Nomination of Inspector of Animals: The Board noted that the annual nomination of this position is done by the Town Manager based on the recommendation of the Board. Mr. Kevin Sullivan is currently serving in this position. **Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to support the re-appointment of Mr. Sullivan. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.**

*There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM was made by Mr. Cella and seconded by Mr. Garabedian – all in favor.*

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

*List of Documents utilized by Board of Health  
Meeting Date: March 13, 2012*

- 1) DRAFT Minutes of February 27, 2012 Meeting
- 2) Foppema's Farm
  - a) BOH Letter dated February 14, 2012 to Foppema's Farm
  - b) DEP – DWS Policy 94-02
  - c) Email correspondence between DEP and Jeanne Gniadek dated February 15, 2012
  - d) Well water test results from Ms. Foppema provided to Board at meeting
- 3) Corner Pizza & Grill – *No documents*
- 4) Friendly Discount Liquors – email dated March 9, 2012 from Steve Garabedian
- 5) Site Plan Review form – One Plummers Corner
- 6) ANRAD – Douglas Road – dated February 22, 2012
- 7) Norfolk Ram Grop – Semi-Annual Waste Transfer Station Inspection – Tom Berkowitz Trucking – dated February 15, 2012
- 8) Memorandum dated January 11, 2012 regarding Remote Participation 940 CMR 29.10
- 9) Complaint – Neighborhood Trash – *No documents*
- 10) Correspondence: Department of Agriculture – Nomination of Inspector of Animals