



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held June 10, 2014.

MEETING MINUTES - April 29, 2014

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman. Other members present were Mr. Chris Cella, Mr. Steve Garabedian, and Mr. Scott Chase. Ms. Ann Marie Thompson was absent. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator.

Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Chase to accept the minutes of **March 25, 2014**. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was 3-0 in favor. Mr. Cella abstained.

Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center: Present for this meeting was Mr. James Berkowitz of Tom Berkowitz Trucking. Mr. Berkowitz attended the meeting on behalf of Bill Walsh, operator of the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center, which is in the process of being relocated to Douglas Road.

Mr. Berkowitz stated that James Shuris, DPW Director, would not renew his earth removal permit which is needed to complete the recycling center project. Mr. McKeon stated that his understanding is that the earth removal permit expires in April of 2014 and that in order for the permit to be renewed, the Earth Removal Board (ERB) must hold a meeting. A meeting of the ERB is scheduled for May 7, 2014.

Mr. Berkowitz also stated that Mr. Walsh is concerned that the Town's RFP may result in them not being able to collect enough recyclables at the center to meet their needs.

DEP FY 14 In-Kind Technical Assistance Project – RFP Update: Mr. McKeon updated the Board on the progress of the RFP review of submittals for solid waste and recyclables collection. The information is still being reviewed and will be presented to the Board of Selectmen. The data is confidential at this time.

Board of Health Regulations – Medical Marijuana: The Board reviewed the updated DRAFT regulations restricting the sale of marijuana.

Motion made by Mr. Chase to adopt updated draft of regulations (§ 201-22) as presented to the Board of Health restricting the sale of marijuana in the Town of Northbridge. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian. The vote on the motion was 3-0 in favor; Mr. Cella abstained.

The Board also reviewed an amendment to their regulations Banning the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia (§201-9) to provide an exemption to Registered Marijuana Dispensaries allowing the retail sale of drug paraphernalia in a RMD to a Registered Card Holder.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to adopt amendment to 201-9 of the Code of Regulations as presented to the Board of Health allowing the sale of drug paraphernalia in a Registered Marijuana Dispensary to a Registered Card Holder. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase. The vote was 3-0 in favor; Mr. Cella abstained.

These regulations shall become effective upon publication of the Legal Notice on May 9, 2014 in the Blackstone Valley Tribune.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS: **China Pacific Restaurant** – Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she had received a hand-drawn sketch of some changes to the China Pacific Restaurant. She stated that she informed Mark Taylor, who had dropped off these plans noting the fixtures to be connected to a new external grease trap, that the plan was incomplete and that the Board needs the applicant to submit a comprehensive plan for review. She informed Mr. Taylor that a preliminary plan was reviewed in July of 2013 and that the Health Inspector provided the applicant with a list of materials needed to conduct our review. She stated that she spoke with Mr. McKeon about this partial submittal and her concern that if these plans are submitted this way that we could be faced with a partial approval that could later need to be amended once we are able to review other portions of the plan. Ms. Gniadek stated that Mr. McKeon agreed that a complete plan should be submitted for review before any approvals are granted.

Ms. Gniadek then explained that a subsequent hand-drawn plan was submitted. This plan was shown to the Board. Mr. Garabedian stated that this plan is not acceptable. Mr. Garabedian stated that the Board needs complete architectural drawings to conduct a review on this food establishment.

Ms. Gniadek asked that the Board place their requirements in writing to the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen as she has been informed that the applicant filed a complaint with one of the Selectmen. Mr. McKeon dictated a memorandum for submittal to the Town Manager to be copied to the Board of Selectmen.

Dominos Pizza: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that this facility was closed by Ms. Gilchrist on Friday, April 25, 2014 due to lack of hot water. The facility was re-opened on Saturday April 26th. Ms. Gniadek stated that she received a call at home from an employee of this facility stating that they were open on Friday evening despite the Board's closure order. This has not been verified. Mr. McKeon stated that he also received a phone call from an employee after being contacted by the Northbridge Police Department and being asked if they could provide the caller with his cell phone number. The Board discussed the repeat violations at this facility and agreed that a meeting with the owner was in order. The Board will request that Dominos be present at their next meeting.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- *Town Meeting Warrant – May 6, 2014*

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

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: April 29, 2014

- 1) DRAFT Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2014
- 2) Blackstone Valley Recycling Center – *No documents*
- 3) DEP – RFP Update – *No documents*
- 4) Board of Health Regulations
 - a. Medical Marijuana (s 201-22) – DRAFT Amendment
 - b. Drug Paraphernalia Ban (s 201-9) – DRAFT Amendment
- 5) China Pacific Restaurant – Hand drawn sketches of renovations (2)
- 6) Correspondence
 - a. Town Meeting Warrant – May 6, 2014