



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held January 13, 2015

MEETING MINUTES ~ November 18, 2014

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

Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of **October 14, 2014**. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was 2-0 in favor. Mr. Chase abstained.

24 Hillside Drive: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation – Order to Repair Municipal Sewer Line: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the Worcester Housing Court issued a Preliminary Injunction to the owner of this property ordering that he repair the sewer line due to the flow of raw sewerage from this dwelling onto the property.

A plumbing permit was taken out to repair the line. The case will remain active until it is determined that the repair to the line resolves this outstanding issue. Mr. McKeon requested that Mark Kuras, Sewer Superintendent, be advised of the repair so that he can inspect. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Mr. Kuras has been to the property as he noted a mini-excavator on site.

Valley Café – Food Establishment Inspection Report Review: In accordance with the Board of Health food establishment inspection policy, establishments receiving 3 or more critical violations on the semi-annual food inspection report will be subject to quarterly inspections and will be charged \$100.00 for each additional inspection deemed necessary. The October 11, 2014 inspection report for the Valley Cafe food establishment presented with eighteen (18) violations, four (4) of which were deemed to be critical violations. Present for this meeting to discuss these non-compliance issues were Ms. Paulette Ruth and Mr. Jeffrey Ruth, owners.

The Board also reviewed the Food Establishment Re-Inspection report dated October 25, 2014 noting that all previous violations had been abated.

Mr. Garabedian questioned the note on the report regarding a slicer being stored in the mop room. Mr. Ruth stated that it is only stored there as he does not have enough room in the kitchen to store it there. Mr. Ruth stated that the slicer is not used in the mop room – only stored there when not in use.

Mrs. Ruth stated that her staff has been placed on warning and she assured the Board that this would not happen again.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to continue with the standard twice annual inspection schedule at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Divine Thai – Food Establishment Inspection Report Review: In accordance with the Board of Health food establishment inspection policy, establishments receiving 3 or more critical violations on the semi-annual food inspection report will be subject to quarterly inspections and will be charged \$100.00 for each additional inspection deemed necessary. The October 3, 2014 inspection report for the Divine Thai food establishment presented with fifteen (15) violations, four (4) of which were deemed to be critical violations. Present for this meeting to discuss these non-compliance issues was Mr. Normand Reed, owner.

The Board also reviewed the Food Establishment Re-Inspection report dated October 18, 2014 noting two violations that have not yet been abated. Mr. Reed stated that those two remaining violations have been corrected.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to continue with the standard twice annual inspection schedule at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

New England Pizza – Food Establishment Inspection Report Review: In accordance with the Board of Health food establishment inspection policy, establishments receiving 3 or more critical violations on the semi-annual food inspection report will be subject to quarterly inspections and will be charged \$100.00 for each additional inspection deemed necessary. The October 11, 2014 inspection report for the New England Pizza food establishment presented with nine (9) violations, three (3) of which were deemed to be critical violations. Present for this meeting to discuss these non-compliance issues was Mrs. Victoria Morcos, owner.

The Board also reviewed the Food Establishment Re-Inspection report dated October 25, 2014 noting that one violation remains to be abated. Mrs. Morcos stated that the remaining violation has been corrected.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to continue with the standard twice annual inspection schedule at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Brian's Restaurant: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that several people have contacted the office about taking over this food establishment and questioning what needs to be done. Ms. Gniadek stated that she has discussed this matter with Ms. Terry Gilchrist, Health Inspector, and that at a minimum the following items would need to be addressed:

- Storage area in basement – the only thing that can remain there is a walk-in cooler. The bag n' box system and ice machine needs to be relocated as well as all food storage.
- The Kitchen floor would need to be replaced with quarry tile
- A 1500-gallon external grease trap would need to be installed.
- All new equipment brought into the facility would need to be approved by the Board
- All renovations and a determination of location and adequacy of sinks needs Board approval.

Ms. Gniadek wanted the Board to be aware of these issues as most of those that have called in regard to this facility have expressed concern with the installation of the external grease trap.

The Board agreed that they would consider allowing storage in the basement only if extensive renovations are done, including walls, sheetrock, plaster, etc.

Linwood Mill Apartments - Update: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she has received an email from Tom Reed at E.A. Fish with regard to the evaluation of the HVAC system within this complex noting that the recording thermometers showed that some of the units facing the sun were over-heating. They are having film applied to these windows to reduce the solar gain and will continue to monitor temperatures.

With regard to a recent bed bug inspection utilizing a trained dog, Liz Rheume, property manager, has informed this office that only one additional unit needs treatment. The inspection also covered the commercial spaces in this building.

Quaker Street Landfill – Inspection, Maintenance & Monitoring: The Board reviewed an email sent as a preliminary assessment of the landfill by Sovereign Consulting. The final report is pending awaiting lab results.

Flu Clinic: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the school-based flu clinic has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th from 3-5 pm at the Northbridge High School.

Old & New Business: Mr. Garabedian informed the Board that he accompanied Ms. Gilchrist on her inspection of **Sparetime Recreation**. He stated that when they arrived and announced that they were there for an inspection, the owner informed them that they had to leave as he was closing. Mr. Garabedian will inspect at a later date and if food items are present, he will take further action as the owner does not have a retail food permit for this business.

The Board also discussed a complaint regarding meat/chicken products received from a **Meat Raffle** held at the **Rockdale Sports Bar**. Ms. Gilchrist will investigate this complaint and report back to the Board.

Ms. Gniadek asked the Board if they wanted to conduct a round of **youth access tobacco compliance checks** using remaining grant funds received for this purpose. The Board advised Ms. Gniadek to proceed with a round of compliance checks.

Correspondence: *None.*

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM was made by Mr. Garabedian and seconded by Mr. Chase – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: November 18, 2014

- 1) DRAFT Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2014
- 2) Hillside Drive
 - a. Preliminary Injunction
 - b. Plumbing Permit
- 3) Valley Café
 - a. Letter to Valley Café (October 27, 2014) re: BOH Meeting
 - b. Food Establishment Inspection Report dated October 11, 2014
 - c. Re-Inspection Report dated October 25, 2014
- 4) Divine Thai
 - a. Letter to Divine Thai (October 27, 2014) re: BOH Meeting
 - b. Food Establishment Inspection Report dated October 3, 2014
 - b. Re-Inspection Report dated October 18, 2014
- 5) New England Pizza
 - a. Letter to New England Pizza (October 27, 2014) re: BOH Meeting
 - b. Food Establishment Inspection Report dated October 11, 2014
 - b. Re-Inspection Report dated October 25, 2014
- 6) Brian's Restaurant – Email dated November 6, 2014
- 7) Linwood Mill Apartments
 - a. Letter to Peabody Properties dated September 22, 2014
 - b. Email from EA Fish dated November 4, 2014 re: heat complaints
 - c. Email from E. Rheaume re: bed bug inspection dated November 4, 2014
- 8) Quaker Street Landfill
 - a. Sovereign Consulting Scope of Work
 - b. Email from Sovereign Consulting dated November 7, 2014
- 9) Flu Clinic Flyer – December 10, 2014
- 10) Correspondence - *None*