



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held June 14, 2016

MEETING MINUTES - May 17, 2016

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman. Other members present were Ms. Lani Criasia, Mr. Chris Cella and Mr. Scott Chase. Mr. Steven Garabedian arrived after the reading and approval of the minutes. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator.

Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Criasia to accept the minutes of **April 5, 2016**. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was 3-0 in favor. Mr. Chase abstained.

Title 5 Inspection Report – 867 Sutton Street: Present for this meeting were Glenn & Candace Jorritsma, Ken Jorritsma, and Attorney Shayne Picard.

The Board noted that this matter was previously before them on December 15, 2015 for findings in the Title 5 report deemed “Needs Further Evaluation by the Local Approving Authority”. Mr. McKeon read the response from David Boyer of the DEP regarding this matter where he states “The system is deemed to fail unless the Board determines that it passes.” Mr. McKeon informed those present that the Board is aware of high nitrate levels in this area however due to the location of the well to the septic system as well as several discrepancies noted in the report itself, the Board cannot issue a finding that the system will pass. Mr. McKeon advised the Jorritsmas to have a new Title 5 inspection report done that eliminates the discrepancies to determine if the system could pass if a well was located outside the 100-foot required setback. If the system can pass, then the owners can drill a new well located in such a manner that even if the well tests high for nitrates it would not be a failure trigger for the septic system. If the system will not pass due to notations contained within the report such as a pipe that is “probably clay which may leak” and a single leaching line that has “large roots up to 8” over leach line” then they could design a new system 100-feet from the existing well.

Housing Code 410.602(A): 25-35 D Street: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Mr. Matthew Armendo, Health Inspector, has informed the office that this complaint has been abated. The property owner has cleaned up the trash and debris that was cited on May 6, 2016.

Housing Code 410.602(A): 51-53 Border Street: The Board reviewed the complaint of trash and debris at this property. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the tenant informed Mr. Armendo that he will be cleaning up the property using a small dumpster which he will have emptied weekly. The tenant also informed Mr. Armendo of his intent to burn some of the wooden items. Ms. Gniadek stated that she has informed the Northbridge Fire Department of this matter. Ms. Gniadek also informed the Board that the Whitinsville Water Company owns land directly behind this property and that they have also been issued a notice to clean their property. She provided an email and photos taken by the Water Company which shows excessive amounts of debris on their property – they are in the process of cleaning up their land. The owner of 51-53 Border Street had been requested to appear at this meeting but was not present.

A motion was made by Mr. Cella to take the owners of 51-53 Border Street to Housing Court to address the condition of this property. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Housing Code 410.602(A): 42-44 Pine Street: Present for this meeting were the owners of 42-44 Pine Street, Thomas and Lisa Walsh. Mr. Walsh stated that he has made attempts to get his tenant to clean up the property but that she will not cooperate and if he touches any of her belongings she calls the police. Mr. Walsh stated that his tenant is a hoarder. He also stated that a portion of her rent is paid through RCAP, a voucher rental program, and that the inspector that came to inspect her unit had instructed her to clean up her property and was suppose to return in a few months to check the progress but when he calls RCAP for an update they tell him that they will not be out again until the Fall of 2016. It was also noted that this tenant has several vehicles, which he believes are unregistered, parked on the street and filled with her “stuff”.

A motion was made by Mr. Cella to take the owners of 42-44 Pine Street to Housing Court to address the condition of this property. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

The Board took this action to assist the owner in obtaining compliance through judgement by the court.

Housing Code 410.602(A): 686-692 Linwood Avenue - Dumpster: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the dumpster area, which had previously been ordered by the Board to be enclosed, is not being properly maintained and that the office has received several complaints. The owner has made some progress in keeping the area clean but is still not in compliance. Ms. Criasia requested that the owner be fined under non-criminal disposition.

Mr. Garabedian motioned to send a second notice with a fine and to inform the owner that if this continues the Board will take this matter to Housing Court to obtain compliance. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Permit to Keep Farm Animals – Harratti – Hill Street: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the application for renewal of this permit has been received, however, the complaint from the Northbridge Police Department regarding the chickens constantly causing traffic and safety concerns on Hill Street as well as the outstanding taxes due to the Town need to be addressed by the Board. Mr. Harratti was not present as had been requested by the Board to address these issues.

Mr. Cella motioned to send a Certified Letter to Mr. Harratti requiring his presence at the next Board of Health meeting and to withhold issuance of his stabling permit until he meets with the Board of Health and pays all taxes owed to the Town of Northbridge. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Permit to Keep Farm Animals – Fossbender: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the application for renewal of this permit was received May 16, 2016. The owner has paid the permit fee and the \$100 Late Fee assessment. No further action required at this time.

Tobacco Permit Renewals: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that renewal notices have been sent. She noted that the renewal packets included the Board’s regulations as well as a packet containing various tobacco signs. **Motion made by Mr. Cella to process renewal applications pending verification of payment of any taxes or fees owed to the Town. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.**

Wal-Mart Sewer Extension Project: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Wal-Mart has requested an extension on the Board's order to repair the sewage disposal system at 100 Valley Parkway. Under Title 5, a Notice of Noncompliance was issued granting two (2) years to repair their failed system – the two year deadline is July 16, 2016. Wal-Mart is engineering a plan to connect to the Town of Sutton municipal sewer system and is seeking an extension of time to complete this work. They are asking for an extension to December 31, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to grant request for an extension to December 31, 2016 to complete sewer extension work necessary to bring this facility into compliance. Applicant is also requested to keep the Board of Health informed of their progress. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.

Citizens' Forum: *No one present for Citizen's Forum.*

Old & New Business: *None.*

Correspondence: The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- Email to DEP re: Noise Complaint @ Riverdale Street
- Salmon VNA & Hospice – Quarterly Report (January 1, 2016 – March 31, 2016)
- New Ultra Mart Convenience – Pest Control Service Agreement & Service Report (4-19-16)
- Email – May 3, 2016 re: litter
- The Beacon – Article re: Senate Bill to raise tobacco purchase age
- Email – May 12, 2016 – re: Tick Presentation

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM was made by Mr. Garabedian and seconded by Mr. Cella – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: May 17, 2016

A. Meeting Minutes

- 1) April 5, 2016 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Title 5 Inspection Report

- 2) 867 Sutton Street
 - a. Email – December 17, 2015 – D. Boyer/DEP
 - b. BOH Minutes – December 15, 2015
 - c. Malley Engineering Letter – December 9, 2015
 - e. Title 5 Inspection Report by Daniel Grant – October 23, 2015

C. Housing Code 410.602(A)

- 3) Emergency Order to Correct – 25-35 D Street – May 10, 2016; Photos – May 17, 2016
- 4) Emergency Order to Correct – 51-53 Border Street – May 10, 2016; Photos – May 17, 2016
- 5) Emergency Order to Correct – 42-44 Pine Street – May 10, 2016; Photos – May 17, 2016
- 6) BOH Order re: Dumpster 686-692 Linwood Avenue – April 7, 2016; Photos – May 17, 2016

D. Permits to Keep Farm Animals

- 7) Harrati – Final Notice – April 25, 2016 / Email from J. Harris, Treasurer Collector re: Taxes Owed
- 8) Fossbender – Final Notice – April 25, 2016

E. Old & New Business

- 9) Tobacco Permit Renewals – *No documents*
- 10) Wal-Mart Sewer Extension Project: Email May 16, 2016 from KK Yeow; Letter dated May 16, 2016 from Bergmann associates re: sanitary sewer line

F. Citizens' Forum – none

G. Correspondence

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