



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held May 17, 2016.

MEETING MINUTES - April 5, 2016

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

Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Criasia to accept the minutes of **March 8, 2016**. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was 4-0 in favor.

Food Service Standards – New Ultra Mart Convenience Store – Consideration of Quarterly Inspection Order; Review Pest Control Contract: Present for this meeting was Mike and Sumeeta Patel, owners of the New Ultra Mart Convenience Store. The Board reviewed the March 12, 2016 food establishment inspection report and photos taken by Terry Gilchrist, Health Agent.

Mr. Garabedian noted the mice droppings in the photos. Mr. Patel stated that the problem started in mid-February and that he put down mice traps to address the problem. Mr. Garabedian informed him that when you have a mice problem, you don't put down mice traps you immediately call pest control to address the issue. Mr. Patel informed the Board that he had a pest control company come out and that he has a contract with them for quarterly treatments. Mr. McKeon stated that he wanted pest control at this facility on a monthly basis, not quarterly until this problem has been adequately addressed. Mr. Garabedian stated that the Board wants to see a pest control report that notes no activity. Ms. Patel did state that the pest control company came out more than once when they were first contacted, noting that they were out approximately four times since the initial call for service.

Ms. Criasia asked Mr. Patel if he owned other stores. Mr. Patel responded that he owns a store on Worcester Street in Grafton. Ms. Criasia asked if that store looked like this one. Mr. Patel stated that it did not. Ms. Criasia asked why the Grafton store was clean and the Northbridge store was not. She commented that the pictures show mice feces everywhere and that his employees should have seen that when the shelves were re-stocked but did nothing; he should have seen that. Ms. Criasia stated that people, children, come into that store and pick up a candy bar or a bag of chips and that they are coming into contact with mice feces. She stated that this is not acceptable.

A motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to place this facility on a Quarterly Inspection schedule subject to payment of \$100 for each additional inspection; to require that pest control visit the facility on a monthly basis until the next inspection by Ms. Gilchrist at which time the Board could reconsider based on her findings noting that if there is no pest activity then the facility can return to quarterly visits by the pest control company – the pest control slips are to be forwarded to the Board of Health office after each visit/treatment; and to require that Mr. Patel require store employees to thoroughly clean the store each evening before closing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.

Food Service Standards – Brian’s Restaurant – Grease Trap (Continued discussion): No one was present for this discussion. The Board tabled the matter until such time that applicant presents additional information for their review and consideration.

Title 5 – 378 Purgatory Road – Request for Local Upgrade: Present for this meeting was Paul Hutnak, PE, from Andrews Survey & Engineering. Mr. Hutnak explained that the sewage system design for the repair of this system required several local upgrades and abutter notification. Mr. Hutnak presented the certified mail receipts to the Board from the abutter notification.

Mr. Hutnak explained that this is an existing quarter-acre lot with a four-bedroom single family home. Local upgrades for the following were necessary: 1) 68.7-feet from locus well; 2) 6-feet from property line; 3) 8-feet from the other property line; 4) 15-feet from foundation; 5) 33-feet from wetlands (Mr. Hutnak noted that the Conservation Commission has approved the plan); and 6) reduction of 1-foot offset to groundwater.

Mr. Hutnak noted that there is a poly barrier around the entire system. The system is an infiltrator field with a pump chamber and a 1500-gallon septic tank.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to grant the local upgrades requested. Motion was seconded by Ms. Criasia; the vote was all in favor.

Upper Blackstone Septage Permits: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she had received a call from a local septage hauler requesting a permit to offload septage waste at the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District (UB). She informed the Board that she has not issued a permit for UB since May-2000. When she contacted UB she was informed that the town is not to issue blank permits – the septage hauler requested that he be able to come in and grab a handful of blank permits. Ms. Gniadek asked for direction from the Board. After some discussion, the Board directed Ms. Gniadek to not release blank permits and to abide by the policies of the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District.

Annual Rabies Clinic: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the annual low-cost rabies clinic was held on Saturday, March 26, 2016 from Noon to 2:00 PM. Eighty-six dogs and cats were vaccinated by Dr. Patrick Lawrence of Agape Animal Hospital. Ms. Gniadek thanked Ms. Criasia for her assistance during the event. She stated that she also had the assistance of Samantha Fields, Tabitha Fields, and Brianne Gniadek-Wells. Thank you letters were written and signed by the Chairman.

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

Old & New Business: *None.*

Correspondence: The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- *Central Mass Mosquito Control Program*
- *Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant (May 3, 2016)*

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:55 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: April 5, 2016

A. Meeting Minutes

- 1) March 8, 2016 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Food Service Standards

- 2) New Ultra Mart Convenience Store
 - a. Letter to HEMA Investment – March 21, 2016
 - b. Food Establishment Inspection Report – March 12, 2016
 - c. Photos from March 12, 2016 Inspection
 - d. Food Establishment Re-Inspection Report – March 26, 2016
 - e. Photos from March 26, 2016 Inspection
 - f. Pest Control Service Agreement
- 3) Brian's Restaurant – External Grease Trap – *No documents*

C. Title 5

- 4) Form 9A – Application for Local Upgrade Approval for 378 Purgatory Road

D. Old & New Business

- 5) Upper Blackstone Septage Permits – Letter dated October 9, 2009
- 6) Annual Rabies Clinic Flyer – *No documents*

E. Citizens' Forum – none

F. Correspondence

- 7) Central Mass Mosquito Control Project – March 14, 2016
- 8) Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant