



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held December 13, 2016.

MEETING MINUTES - November 15, 2016

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

Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Cella to accept the minutes of **October 11, 2016**. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was 4-0 in favor.

Food Service Establishment – Shining Rock Golf Club – Consideration of Quarterly Inspection Order: This matter was continued from the previous meeting in order to allow the Board to review the re-inspection report for this facility. Ms. Criasia stated that the re-inspection report notes that all previous violations were abated. Ms. Criasia reminded the Board that their vote taken at the prior meeting was that no further action would be required if the re-inspection report was satisfactory.

Mr. Cella made motion to not issue a Quarterly Inspection Order for this establishment due to the satisfactory re-inspection report. Ms. Criasia seconded the motion with an amendment to include that if the next report is unsatisfactory, then a Quarterly Inspection Order will be placed on this establishment. The vote on the motion as amended was all in favor.

Food Service Establishment – Blackstone Valley Nutrition – Variance Request: Present for this meeting was Mr. Matthew Santurri, owner of Blackstone Valley Nutrition, located at the Blackstone Valley Massage and Fitness Center on Providence Road.

Ms. Criasia asked Mr. Santurri what type of business this is. Mr. Santurri stated that he sells supplements to assist people with their workouts, whether they are trying to gain muscle, lose weight, etc. He stated that they are seeking to add a smoothie bar and that due to the existing hand wash sink being counter-mounted, rather than wall-mounted, he needs a variance from the Board.

Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Ms. Gilchrist has reviewed and approved the plans for this facility subject to the granting of this variance. Mr. Santurri stated that he has installed the FRP panels and is agreeable to installing splash guards at the sink to prevent cross-contamination.

Ms. Criasia questioned whether he would be using fresh fruit for the smoothies and where he would be getting the ice. Mr. Santurri stated that they will be using frozen fruit and that he will be purchasing ice from other local sources such as Shaws. He did state that he is considering installing an ice machine in the future.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to grant variance allowing the use of a counter-mounted hand-wash sink. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Housing Code Minimum Sanitation Standards – 92 Fletcher Street - Update: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Matthew Armendo, Health Inspector, conducted an inspection of this property today to check on progress. Present for this meeting were owners Kevin and David Stirk.

Ms. Criasia reviewed the email from Mr. Armendo regarding his findings:

- Bathroom walls have to be re sheet rocked plastered and painted
- New bathroom tub surround has to be installed.
- Master Bed room has not been touched yet
- All bed room closets have to be addressed but can't get access to until all the shifting around of other stuff such as furniture and misc. items are not placed in front of closets.
- Stairs that go to second floor rug has been removed and stairs have to be sanded and refinished, owner is going to leave as a wood stairwell
- Front door frame has to be fixed broken at lock
- Other than that the occupant and family have to do their part and keep the place clean and free of trash and debris

The Board asked the Stirks if the occupant was being co-operative. They stated that she was but noted that before they can do any work in a room, they have to move belongings and cover things up so it is time consuming. When asked if the occupant was respectful of the work being done the Stirks replied that they were however they did put a hole in a new wall when moving a bed. They stated that the occupant contacted them immediately to tell them what happened and the wall has since been repaired.

The Stirks also noted that Mr. Armendo did inform the occupants that they needed to keep the place clean. There is a dumpster on the property that the occupants have access to.

After a discussion regarding the above violations, the Stirks stated that in their discussion with Mr. Armendo that day they had agreed that an additional 3 to 3 ½ weeks was needed to complete repairs. The Board agreed to place this matter on their next meeting agenda for follow up requesting that the Stirks be present. The Stirks agreed. The Board also requested that Mr. Armendo be present.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Special Permit Application – Floodplain & Floodway Districts: The Board reviewed an application for the construction of a driveway and underground utilities within the flood zone for property located at North Main Street, Lot #1. Pursuant to S173.18 (D)(2)(b) of the Town of Northbridge Zoning Bylaws, the ZBA cannot take action on this application until written comments have been received from the Board of Health and other town departments. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that this property is serviced by an on-site sewage disposal system which has been reviewed and approved by Malley Engineering.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to inform the ZBA that the Board of Health reviewed and approved the subsurface sewage disposal system for this property. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor.

Keeping of Farm Animals – 1961 Quaker Street: Ms. Criasia informed the Board that the owner of this property, Christine Taylor, requested that the matter be continued to next month. She stated that Ms. Taylor is in the process of purchasing property in Uxbridge and if that goes through, then her house in Northbridge will be for sale and this matter will be moot.

Ms. Criasia informed the board that Ms. Taylor states in her emails to the office that she has 2 sheep that are on pasture at a friend's and that she has her friend's 2 lambs but they will be returned to their owner next month. This matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Berkowitz Transfer Station – Notice of Enforcement Conference: The Board reviewed correspondence received from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection regarding an Enforcement Conference that was to be held on October 17, 2016 to address noncompliance issues at this transfer station. No action is required by the Board.

Sharps Disposal Program Update: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that town meeting approved the budget amendment to allow the purchase of two (2) sharps disposal kiosks – one to be located in the Board of Health office, the other at the Senior Center. A brochure that Ms. Gniadek drafted was provided to the Board members.

Ms. Gniadek stated that the first kiosk is scheduled to be delivered on Monday (11/21) and that the second kiosk is on order and is expected in about six weeks. She also noted that a limited supply of sharps containers will be made available to Northbridge residents.

Whitin Community Center – Request for Extension / Repairs Original Pool: The Board reviewed correspondence from Heather Elster, Executive Director of the Whitin Community Center, seeking an extension for repairs on the original pool. These violations were noted when the Massachusetts Department of Public Health conducted an inspection of the camp program in August of 2016.

The extension request is for repairs to the walls and tile on the original pool. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the Health Inspector, Matt Armendo, had no concern with the granting of this extension request.

The Board asked if Mr. Armendo will be inspecting the facility in December as originally requested. Ms. Gniadek stated that he would.

Mr. Cella made motion to grant requested extension to July 1, 2017 for repairs to the wall tiles and bulging wall in original pool area provided that remaining violations cited by MDPH are corrected to the satisfaction of the Board’s inspector. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was 3-0 in favor. Mr. Garabedian abstained.

Old & New Business: Ms. Gniadek provided the Board with an update from **Rochelle Thomson** regarding the **barn located at 1316 Hill Street**. Ms. Thomson notes that fencing has been repaired and in several areas is now electrified. Ms. Gniadek also informed the Board that the Police Chief has not received any additional complaints regarding chickens or sheep in the roadway.

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

Correspondence: The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- ▶ *Local Public Health Update (Volume 1, Number 8)*

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM was made by Mr. Cella 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 15, 2016

A. Meeting Minutes

- 1) October 11, 2016 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Food Service Establishments

- 2) Shining Rock Golf Club
 - a. Food Establishment Re-Inspection Report – October 15, 2016
- 3) Blackstone Valley Nutrition
 - a. Plan Review Memorandum granting Conditional Approval
 - b. S201-2(F) – Board of Health Regulations

C. Housing Code – Minimum Sanitation Standards

- 4) 92 Fletcher Street
 - a. Email M. Armendo (11/15/16)

D. Zoning Board of Appeals

- 5) Special Permit Application – North Main Street, Lot #1

E. Old & New Business

- 6) Keeping of Farm Animals – 1961 Quaker Street Letter to C. Taylor dated November 3, 2016
- 7) Berkowitz Transfer Station – Notice of Enforcement Conference (DEP) dated 9-30-2016
- 8) Sharps Disposal Program Update / Chrysalis Invoice for kiosks / Sample Brochure
- 9) Whittin Community Center Letter dated November 8, 2016 – Request for Extension Pool Repairs
- ❖ NEW – Memorandum from R. Thomson (11/13/16) Farm Inspection of 1316 Hill Street

F. Citizens' Forum – none

G. Correspondence

- 10) Local Public Health Update (Volume 1, Number 8)