



## TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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*The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held September 14, 2021.*

### MEETING MINUTES - JULY 27, 2021

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This meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Ms. Lani Criasia, Chair. Other members present were Mr. Chris Cella and Mr. Paul McKeon. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator, and Mr. Steve Garabedian (non-voting member of Board pending re-appointment).

**Reorganization of Board of Health:** Motion to nominate Ms. Criasia as Chair was made by Mr. Cella and seconded by Mr. McKeon. There being no other nominations the vote was all in favor. Motion to nominate Mr. Cella as Vice-Chair was made by Mr. McKeon and seconded by Ms. Criasia. There being no other nominations the vote was all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Cella to accept the minutes of **June 29, 2021**. Motion seconded by Ms. Criasia. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

**CVS - Complaint:** The Board reviewed a complaint received via email regarding a recent inspection of CVS as well as a second email rescinding the complaint noting that the CVS store manager, Ben Menke, believes that the concerns raised during the inspection were likely due to his store supervisor and not Ms. Terry Gilchrist, Health Inspector. It was noted in Ms. Gilchrist's monthly report that Mr. Menke may have not received the inspection report due to an error in the email address provided. Ms. Gniadek will follow up to ensure that CVS has obtained a copy of their inspection report. No further action needed.

**Food Establishments – Monthly Reports:** Ms. Gilchrist was unable to attend this meeting to present and answer questions regarding her June and July reports. These reports will be placed on the Board's next meeting agenda so that Ms. Gilchrist can be present to address any questions or concerns. Ms. Criasia asked if Ms. Gilchrist had a contract with the town and if so when does it expire. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she does not have a contract.

One item of concern that was brought up was the recent inspection at Beaumont Nursing Home as it was recently learned that residents are being provided bottled water. Ms. Gniadek asked Ms. Gilchrist to perform an inspection to determine why this was occurring. It was determined that legionella was found in the drinking water and therefore actions were taken including treatment (remediation/sanitization) of the potable water system throughout the facility. The company that performed the remediation and follow up water testing was IWC Innovations. Reports from them have been submitted to the Board of Health from Scott Bullock, Executive Director. The Board asked that Ms. Gniadek find out what their standard protocols are for when a communicable disease is located within their facility.

**Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health - Shared Health Agent Services:** The Board reviewed the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) – this document needs to be voted on by each Town’s Board of Selectmen and Board of Health. Ms. Criasia informed the Board that at this time the Board simply needs to vote to accept the IMA and secondly to vote to accept and sign each of the IMA’s that Northbridge will receive from the seven participating towns, (Blackstone, Douglas, Hopedale, Mendon, Millville, Upton and Uxbridge).

**Motion made by Mr. Cella to accept and sign the IMAs for public health services. Motion seconded by Ms. Criasia; the vote was 3-0 in favor.**

As part of the IMA, Ms. Criasia stated that the Board needs to vote on their selection of an individual and an alternate to serve on the “Oversight Board”.

**Motion made by Mr. Cella that Chair Lani Criasia serve as the member and that he as Vice-Chair will serve as the alternate member of the Oversight Board. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was all in favor.**

**Region 2 Public Health – Designation of Region 2 PHEP Representative:** Ms. Criasia asked if Ms. Gniadek would continue to serve as the Region 2 PHEP representative. Ms. Gniadek stated she would.

**Motion made by Mr. Cella to appoint Ms. Gniadek as the Region 2 PHEP representative for the Town of Northbridge. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was all in favor.**

**Quaker Street Landfill:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the owner of 1201 Quaker Street called requesting that the town perform routine maintenance on her water treatment system. This system was not installed by the Town. Ms. Gniadek provided the Board with email correspondence from EnviroTrac, the engineering firm overseeing the landfill, and their suggestion that this is likely in the best interest of protecting the carbon filtration system that the Town did install to treat the water at this dwelling. After reviewing the documentation presented the Board agreed with the LSP and approved the expenditure of funds to perform routine maintenance on the owner’s water treatment system at 1201 Quaker Street as it is likely in the best interest of protecting the POET carbon filter system the Town installed at this location.

Mr. McKeon stated he was present at the recent Board of Selectmen’s meeting when a presentation was made to that Board to re-cap that landfill. Mr. Cella questioned why someone would cap a landfill that has already been capped. Mr. McKeon stated that the soils they truck in are from construction sites and they get good money for tipping those soils on landfills and then capping. Mr. McKeon stated that the landfill was capped properly and approved by the MassDEP and that we are required to perform routine maintenance and monitoring of the site for 30 years, until 2027.

**Old & New Business:** Ms. Criasia and Mr. McKeon discussed their recent meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Criasia was upset that the Board of Selectmen said that they didn’t invite them, that they had invited the two members of the Board that were not re-appointed. She noted that she has an email that states otherwise. She stated that Mr. Melia used this moment to express concern that no one from the Board of Health is present at town meetings. She noted that

she assured the Selectboard that she would be present at town meetings whenever the Board has an article on the warrant.

The Board further discussed Mr. Garabedian's upcoming meeting before the Board of Selectmen in August to seek re-appointment to the Board. Mr. McKeon stated he was pissed because the Charter says someone cannot be removed from the Board because they were sick. He pointed at Ms. Gniadek and said that SHE should have known that. Ms. Gniadek responded that it was not her responsibility to make excuses for Board members. She is simply asked to provide notice to the appointing authority of how many meetings were held and how many meetings the individual who is seeking re-appointment had attended. Ms. Gniadek responded to Mr. McKeon with "Don't put this on me, Steve was not sick for 3 years." Mr. McKeon stated "I'm sick of your bullshit."

Ms. Criasia asked Mr. Garabedian if he had an email or cell phone so Ms. Gniadek could correspond with him as she does the rest of the Board. After some discussion Ms. Criasia stated that she would get Mr. Garabedian set up with an email address using the Board of Health iPad he was provided to attend virtual meetings.

**Balmer School:** Ms. Criasia asked that an email be sent to the Town Manager indicating that the Board of Health does wish to tour the new Balmer School but a last minute invite for a tour in the middle of the day when the Board members work is not acceptable.

**Correspondence:** The Board reviewed an email from Jamie Terry, Region 2 Emergency Preparedness Planner, noting the Covid vaccination rate and demographics for the Town of Northbridge.

*There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM was made by Mr. McKeon and seconded by Mr. Cella – all in favor.*

*Attested by,*

*Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator*

***Next Meeting tentatively scheduled for: TBD***

**List of Documents utilized by Board of Health**  
**Meeting Date: July 27, 2021**

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**A. Annual Re-Organization of Board**

- 1) Town Bylaw – Section 4-204

**B. Approval of Minutes**

- 2) June 29, 2021 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**C. Food Establishments**

- 3) CVS
  - a. Email (July 20, 2021) from Benjamin Menke (CVS)
  - b. Food Safety Inspection Report – CVS – July 20, 2021
  - c. Email (July 26, 2021) retracting complaint
- 4) Monthly Report
  - a. June Monthly Report (prepared by T. Gilchrist)
  - b. July Monthly Report (prepared by T. Gilchrist)
  - c. Email (July 27, 2021) from Scott Bullock, Beaumont Rehab. w/ attachments

**D. Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health (BVPPH)**

- 5) Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)
- 6) Same as above

**E. Region 2 Public Health**

- 7) Vote to appoint Northbridge Representative to Region 2
  - a. Email (July 7, 2021) from Pamela Masters

**F. Old & New Business**

- 8) Quaker Street Landfill – Water Treatment System
  - a. Email (July 20, 2021) from Jesse Arroyo, LSP (EnviroTrac, Ltd.)
  - b. Photo of existing water treatment units at 1201 Quaker Street
  - c. Prior invoices/vouchers for performance of routine maintenance

**G. Citizen's Forum - None**

**H. Correspondence**

- Email (June 30, 2021) from Jamie Terry w/ attachment (Town of Northbridge Demographics – Vaccine Doses)