



## TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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*The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held November 21, 2022.*

### MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 17, 2022

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This meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Ms. Lani Criasia, Chair. Other members present were Mr. Chris Cella, Ms. Linda Lermond, RN, and Ms. Erin Meagher, NP. Mr. Steve Garabedian was absent. Also present were Mr. Daniel Markman, BVPPH Regional Health Inspector, and Jeanne M. Gniadek, Board of Health Administrator.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Cella to accept the minutes of **September 19, 2022**. Motion seconded by Ms. Lermond. The vote was 3-0 in favor. Ms. Meagher abstained.

Motion made by Ms. Meagher to accept the minutes of **October 4, 2022**. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella. The vote was 3-0 in favor; Ms. Criasia abstained.

**Food Service Establishment Standards – Review of Amendments to Food Establishment Regulations:** The Board reviewed proposed changes and revisions to their regulations governing food establishments. The most significant change was the formatting and inclusion of grease trap and frozen dessert machines within the food establishment regulation. Mr. Markman was present to address any questions that the Board had regarding the proposed amendments. It was agreed that where feasible the regulations should simply reference the board's fee schedule thereby eliminating any need in the future when proposing fee changes that the regulations would need to be updated in two places rather than just at the fee schedule. Ms. Gniadek will reach out to Mr. Garabedian for his input prior to creating the final document for the Board's approval at their next meeting.

**Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health:** *No updates.*

**Permit Revocation – Stabling of Farm Animals:** *No updates.*

**Quaker Street Landfill:** The Board reviewed the Notice of Intent filed with the Conservation Commission to perform multiple test pits at the toe of the slope of the capped landfill to investigate the extent of waste in this area.

The Board instructed Ms. Gniadek to request that she ask the Commission to include in their Orders of Condition that copies of the test pit logs, upon completion, be provided to this office and that the Board of Health be copied on all correspondence relating to this matter.

**IRA Plan Modification and Status Report:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Jesse Arroyo, LSP, with EnviroTrac, provided an update noting that as LSP assigned to this Quaker Street landfill site, that he proposes, based on the water testing conducted, that 1231 Quaker and 1240 Quaker Street no longer be tested annually. He also is seeking approval from MassDEP to discontinue the POET system operation and supplying of bottled water at 63 Carroll Road and 1256 Quaker Street with semi-annual testing for lead only.

As 11 Mendon Road is currently vacant and the property is up for sale, he is proposing that we cease testing until the property, which requires significant renovations, is sold and occupied. A filtration system is proposed to be installed prior to occupancy. 1201 Quaker Street will continue to be tested and bottled water will continue to be provided. 1222 Quaker Street will also continue with quarterly sampling for metals and bottled water will continue to be provided.

**Old & New Business:** Ms. Gniadek reviewed the well permit application with the Board for property located at 1316 Hill Street. This property, which consists only of two barns, is currently connected to town water but the owner, Mr. Mustafa Harrati, is seeking to obtain a well permit to construct a well for feeding the animals (which have been removed per Order of the BOH) and for irrigation purposes.

After review, the Board noted that they will be requiring the following prior to issuance:

1. Note location of the “compost” pile on plan – the area where he is disposing of animal carcasses, blood, etc.
2. Operational Procedure – where is the water line going? Is it going to be plumbed into one of the existing barns? Will there be any grey water from this well and if so, where is the greywater being disposed? Which raises the question of what is currently happening in regards to any greywater from his connection to town water – need to determine if there is already some sort of holding tank -it is known that he is slaughtering animals so there must be a need to wash hands during this process yet there is no information on file as to his means to collect and properly dispose of any greywater at this property.
3. Inform Mr. Harrati that the Board is seeking guidance from the Whitinsville Water Company, which is under new management, as to their policy for properties having BOTH town water and an on-site well.
4. Make sure that he is aware that this well must meet potable water standards prior to use – the lab reports must be provided to this office.

In other Old & New Business, Mr. Cella questioned whether the Board had received information from **Yatco (Whitinsville Gas & Market)** for their re-training program along with the screen shot of the POS system which was to remove the option for employees to enter a Date of Birth, but only allow them to scan an ID – per BOH meeting on July 19, 2022. Ms. Gniadek stated that she had not received anything. Mr. Cella requested that this matter be followed up on.

**Correspondence:** The Board was provided the warrants for the Fall Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting to be held on October 25, 2022. Ms. Criasia noted that she would be present should any questions arise regarding the Board’s request for budget modification for the Quaker Street Landfill.

*There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM was made by Mr. Cella and seconded by Ms. Lermond – all in favor.*

*Attested by,*

*Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator*

**Next Meeting scheduled for: Monday, November 14, 2022 @ 5:30 PM**

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health  
Meeting Date: October 17, 2022

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A. Approval of Minutes

- 1) September 19, 2022 DRAFT Meeting Minutes
- 2) October 4, 2022 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Food Service Establishment Standards

- 3) Review of Regulations
  - a. Proposed DRAFT Food Establishment Regulations/Amendments
  - b. Existing Food, Frozen Dessert, and Grease Trap Regulations

C. Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health

- 4) *No Updates/Documents*

D. Permit Revocation – Stabling of Farm Animals

- 5) *No Updates/Documents*

E. Quaker Street Landfill

- 6) Notice of Intent Filing – Conservation Commission
  - a. Conservation Commission NOI – prepared by Weston & Sampson (August 30, 2022)
  - b. MassDEP Letter to P. Losordo (J. McQuade) (October 7, 2022)
- 7) IRA Plan Modification & Status Report – Email from EnviroTrac (October 13, 2022)

F. Old & New Business – No documents

G. Citizen's Forum

H. Correspondence – *Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant*