



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held March 20, 2023.

MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 27, 2023

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

Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Meagher to accept the minutes of **February 6, 2023**. Motion seconded by Ms. Lermond. The vote was all in favor.

Title 5 – Public Hearing – 807 Highland Street – Variance Request: Present for this meeting were Mr. Tim Callahan, Engineer/Surveyor, Ms. Linda Bonarrigo, property owner, and Mr. Steve Donatelli, Title 5 Agent for the Board of Health.

Mr. Callahan explained that the septic system design to repair the system at 807 Highland Street was a Presby alternative system. He is seeking approval for a 2-foot offset to groundwater and a reduction in setback to a bordering vegetated wetland – less than the required 50-feet. Mr. Donatelli was in support of the requested variance.

Ms. Criasia asked when Ms. Bonarrigo expected to begin installation of the new system. Ms. Bonarrigo stated that she was hoping to begin construction by the end of March. Ms. Criasia reminder her that only an installer licensed in Northbridge could do the work.

Motion made by Mr. Garabedian to approve the variance request allowing a 2-foot offset to groundwater and a reduction in setback to BVW. Motion seconded by Ms. Meagher; the vote was all in favor.

Tobacco Compliance Checks – Updates: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that several letters would be going out to our tobacco sales establishments due to violations. Each establishment will have the right to request a hearing. The following stores were affected:

Vera's: Flavored tobacco product (2nd offense of state regulations - \$2000 fine) and self-service display (local regulation - \$50 fine)

Highland Farms: Flavored tobacco product (1st offense of state regulation - \$1000 fine) and unlocked humidor (local regulation - \$50 fine)

Village Variety: Flavored tobacco product (1st offense of state regulation - \$1000 fine)

New Ultra Mart: Flavored tobacco product (1st offense of state regulation - \$1000 fine)

Mill House Wine: Self service display (local regulation - \$50 fine)

Old/New Business: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board of an ongoing issue regarding a resident complaining of trash at the Shaws plaza. The call tends to come in on Sunday evenings to the office of the Town Manager. Ms. Gniadek stated that she has spoken with the property manager and that they empty the trash barrels, which are placed in the front of the plaza stores by Friendly Liquors, Dollar Tree, CVS, Shaws, and are emptied each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Ms. Gniadek stated that she tries to inspect the plaza on the weekends as this seems to be when there is a problem observed and has only noted one barrel that was full, slightly overflowing, which was emptied the very next morning. She asked the Board if they felt additional action should be taken. The Board agreed that the plaza was doing due diligence by emptying the trash three times per week. Ms. Meagher noted that she had not observed any trash concerns at the plaza. No action to be taken at this time.

Correspondence: None

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM was made by Ms. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Garabedian – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

Next Meeting scheduled for: Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: February 27, 2023

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) February 6, 2023 DRAFT Meeting Minutes
- B. Title 5 Sewage Disposal Systems
 - 2) 807 Highland Street
 - a. Letter from HAWK Consulting requesting Title 5 Variance
 - b. Certified List of Abutters
 - c. Abutters Public Hearing Notice
- C. Old & New Business
 - 3) Tobacco Control Updates – Email (2/16/23)
- D. Citizen's Forum
- E. Correspondence - *None*