



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held June 15, 2010.

MEETING MINUTES - May 11, 2010

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of **April 13, 2010**. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was 2-0 in favor; Ms. Thompson abstained.

Quaker Street, 1790 – Garden Center Proposal: Applicant for this project, Mr. Gregory Trussell, failed to appear before the Board for a discussion on this matter – no action taken by Board.

Hill Street, 845 – Sewage Disposal Repair Plan: Applicant for this project, Mr. Gary Vecchione, failed to appear before the Board for a discussion on this matter – no action taken by Board.

Hill Street, 824 – Hair Salon Proposal – Title 5 Requirements: Applicant for this project, Ms. Laura Lavallee appeared before the Board to request their consideration in allowing the use of the existing sewage disposal system at 824 Hill Street to accept the liquid waste from the proposed children's hair salon and party operation that had recently received Zoning Board approval. She stated that her business caters to little girl hair and dress up parties. She does not use any harsh chemicals.

Mr. McKeon informed Ms. Lavallee that Title 5 regulations governing on-site sewage disposal does not allow for waste from beauty salons to enter those types of systems. He stated that a holding tank would be required.

Ms. Lavallee informed the Board that she had been told that it would cost her approximately \$3,000 for the permit from the DEP for the holding tank and an additional \$3,500 for the actual installation of the tank.

The Board informed Ms. Lavallee that they felt the \$3,000 permit fee was excessive and suggested that she contact David Boyer at DEP directly to ask him what the state permit fee would be for this type of application.

Balmer School – Water Quality – Testing Update: The Board reviewed correspondence from the Whitinsville Water Company regarding their standard procedures for water sample collection. It was noted that the samples are collected **before** any water is flushed through the system. Mr. McKeon stated that the problem may simply be resolved by flushing the system first thing in the morning. The Board questioned what was being done and if any additional testing had been conducted. They requested that Mr. Paul Halacy, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Northbridge School System be invited to the next Board meeting to provide an update.

Food Waste Recycling Program Proposal: The Board reviewed information from Environmental Products & Services of Vermont, Inc. regarding a proposal to collect food waste from the Wal-Mart Supercenter for organics recycling. The Board expressed concern over the type of containers, method of collection, transportation and disinfection. Ms. Gniadek was instructed to contact this firm and ask them to attend the next meeting of the Board to explain in detail their proposal.

Quaker Street Landfill: The Board reviewed two bids for the mowing of the Quaker Street landfill. T-Corp. bid \$1,850.00; Mr. Ed Lubelelczyk bid \$1,000.00.

Motion made by Ms. Thompson to request Mr. Lubelczyk mow the landfill at a cost of \$1,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.

Hill Street – Goat Complaint: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the office is receiving complaints of goats that are getting loose and wandering on Hill Street. She stated that the regulations we have address horses only so there is no enforcement from the Board that can be utilized to have this goat owner properly secure these animals at this time.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project – **Tire Collection and Recycling Program** – this program is expected to begin in the Fall of 2010.
- Updated list of Board of Health members and agents with contact information was distributed to the Board
- Copy of Memorandum provided to the Town manager addressing a Selectmen’s complaint at the former Northbridge Nursing Home property.

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

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant