



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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*The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held October 18, 2010.*

**MEETING MINUTES - October 5, 2010**

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

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Chase to accept the minutes of **September 21, 2010**. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was 2-0 in favor. Mr. McKeon and Ms. Thompson abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Chase to accept the minutes of **September 28, 2010**. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was 2-0 in favor. Mr. McKeon and Ms. Thompson abstained.

**Sutton Street Odor Complaint:** Present for this meeting was Mr. Joseph Hickey, owner of Service Time Inc. Also present were Nancy Cross (145 Sutton Street), Kelly Macjewski (159-163 Sutton Street), Rich Trubey (145 Sutton Street) and Colleen Leighton (16 Cove Place).

Mr. McKeon stated that he and Mr. Cella had conducted a site inspection of the property and that he was concerned that dumpsters were being washed at this site. Mr. Hickey stated that they do not wash dumpsters on site – they are washed off site. He stated that he is not a transfer station. He stated that he did not know where the odor was coming from. He stated that he has been there for 10 years with no complaints.

Mr. McKeon stated that he did not go out on the odor complaint but when he was working in the area he could smell it as soon as he crossed the Sutton Street bridge. He stated the odor was there for several days and that it was really bad. Mr. McKeon stated that if you were there you must have smelt it. Mr. Hickey responded that he is there everyday and that he did not smell anything.

Mr. Cella stated that the day of the site visit there was a truck broken down and that it was full of trash. Mr. Hickey stated that the truck is still there and is still broken down – the contents of that truck is only wood from one dumpster that was emptied into it.

Mr. Cella stated that when they spoke with the owner of the property, Mr. Caya, he stated that he smelled something too. Mr. Hickey stated that he told him that he thought the odor was coming from the mill. Mr. Cella asked how many complaints were received. Ms. Gniadek stated that the complaints came in while she was on vacation but from the phone logs in the Board of Health office and the emails from the DPW regarding this matter, it appears that 4-5 people filed complaints with the Town Hall.

Mr. Cella had questions regarding the dumpsters on-site: what are they used for, how are they cleaned. Mr. Hickey stated that the dumpsters are there for deliveries and for spare parts. He stated that they are cleaned by spraying with turbolene and brought through an automated cleaner where the dumpsters are placed upside down and washed – this happens off-site.

Mr. Cella asked Mr. Hickey where he thought the odor was coming from. He stated that he did not smell it but was told by the owner of the property that he thought it was coming from the mill. Mr. Cella questioned the distance between this location and the mill and was told that next to this building is the railroad tracks, then the river, and then the mill. Ms. Thompson questioned how close to where his equipment is located is the pond. Mr. Hickey stated that it runs parallel to the building.

Mr. McKeon stated that he spoke with DPW Director Richard Sasseville who informed him that he could smell it at his house in Presidential Estates. Mr. Hickey re-iterated that he's not saying there wasn't an odor but he himself did not smell anything. He stated that if there was an odor that the people in the Post Office would have said something. Mr. McKeon stated that he would speak to the workers at the post office and ask them if they smelled anything.

Ms. Cross stated that back in July she had to close her windows and turn on the AC because the odor was so bad. She stated that she has been there 17 years and the pond has never had an odor. She stated that she also blames Caya Construction and the Railroad and even her neighbors for dumping stuff into the pond. She stated that in July she went to the Service Time site and found two trucks full of trash as well as a dumpster full of a soupy mess. Mr. Hickey stated that the truck was full of recyclables - determined based on the photo showing paper and cardboard in the rear of the truck. Ms. Cross further stated that the dumpsters are lined up within 20-feet of the pond and when it rains that water runs into the pond and carries that contamination with it. She stated that she did not believe that this was the proper site for his business.

Mr. McKeon stated that his biggest concern was the washing of dumpsters and trucks at this location. Mr. Hickey stated that his trucks are brought to Flynn's Truck Wash to be cleaned – they are not cleaned at Sutton Street. Mr. Cella questioned liquids leaking from trash trucks as he has seen when his trash is picked up. Mr. Hickey stated that his trucks are hopper-sealed so that doesn't happen.

Mr. McKeon thanked Mr. Hickey for coming and stated that this matter would be discussed further. Mr. Hickey agreed that it should be discussed further – he stated that he has not had a complaint in the 10 years he has been doing business there and that if there is a problem it should be brought to his attention so that he can fix it and not be discussed at a local bar. Mr. Hickey left the meeting.

Ms. Cross alleged that someone is informing them when someone is coming out because that's when they clean up the site. She questioned how many more years they have to put up with serial killer polluters in their neighborhood.

The Board discussed the changes to the pond since the removal of the dam which affected the water level. They also discussed that Service Time is not a transfer station and is there as a trucking outfit.

**Motion by Mr. Chase to request documentation of:**

- 1. Receipts/proof that trucks are washed off-site at Flynn's Truck Wash**
- 2. Receipts/proof that dumpsters are washed off-site – information to include where and when dumpsters are taken for cleaning off-site**
- 3. Information on the chemical "turbolene" that is used for cleaning dumpsters**
- 4. Information on repairs to dumpsters – where are they being made and by whom; the maintenance records**

**Above motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was all in favor. The Board requested that the above documentation be submitted within two weeks.**

**Organics Recycling Program Proposal – WalMart Supercenter:** The Board discussed the organics recycling proposal and the location of collection bins.

**Motion made by Mr. Cella to grant approval of the Organics Recycling Proposal for a one-year probationary period; bins to be located on compactor pad; hauler to obtain a trash hauler's license; and that the Board of Health be notified of the start date for this program. Motion seconded by Ms. Thompson; the vote was all in favor.**

**Solid Waste Complaint – 38 Plummer Park:** Present for this meeting was Milton Patnode. The Board questioned Mr. Patnode in response to a police report received stating that he was burning and burying trash in his yard. Mr. Patnode stated that he was burying trash but that he has since obtained the services of Up-Town Trucking for removal of his trash.

Mr. Cella requested that proof of service by Up-Town Trucking be submitted to the Board of Health. Mr. Patnode agreed to provide documentation.

**Food Service Establishments – Review of Food Establishment Inspection Reports:** The Board reviewed the most recent food establishment inspection reports.

**Old & New Business:** Under New Business, Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Roland Guilbeault of 467 School Street in Northbridge dropped off the DEP Fact Sheet on Noise and requested that the Board investigate the noise he hears from Riverdale Mills. This matter will be placed on the agenda of the next Board of Health meeting.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence was distributed to the Board:

- Heritage Park Estates – Response Letter to correspondence regarding Second Hand Smoke
- Warrant for Fall Annual Town Meeting – October 26, 2010
- E. L. Harvey – Fall Open House Invitation

*There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Cella – all in favor.*

*Attested by,*

*Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator*

*List of Documents utilized by Board of Health  
Meeting Date: October 5, 2010*

- 1) DRAFT Minutes of September 21, 2010 Meeting
- 2) DRAFT Minutes of September 28, 2010 Meeting
- 3) Letter to Service Time, Inc. dated September 28, 2010
  - a) Documents received from Nancy Cross during meeting: “The Demise of Cove Pond, Rockdale, MA”, Email to Frank (PWRR) dated 9-21-10 subject Cove Pond – Wetlands Protection Act violation, March 25, 1998 letter to DEP from Conservation Commission, May 4, 1993 letter to Gerard Caya from Conservation Commission, July 21, 2010 letter to Service Time from Conservation Commission, Email to Dan Muldoon dated 3-9-2006 subject Pond off Sutton Street in Northbridge, 1999 Notification to Abutters from Environmental Design Consulting
- 4) Letter from Providence & Worcester Railroad re: Cove Pond
- 5) WalMart Organics Recycling – *No documents*
- 6) Letter to Milton Patnode re: BOH meeting AND Police Report dated September 29, 2010
- 7) Food Establishment Inspection Reports
  - a) Arcade Package Store – Routine: 9-18-2010
  - b) Blackstone Valley Massage & Fitness – Routine: 9-25-2010
  - c) China Pacific Restaurant – Routine: 9-18-2010 (4 Critical Violations)
  - d) Crystal Gas – Re-inspection: 9-17-2010
  - e) Daily Bread Cafe – SECOND Re-inspection : 9-17-2010
  - f) Friendly Discount Liquors – Re-inspection: 9-24-2010
  - g) Hess Express – Re-inspection: 9-17-2010
  - h) McDonald’s – Re-inspection: 9-25-2010 (1 Critical Violation)
  - i) Mumford Knights of Columbus – Routine: 9-25-2010
  - j) New England Pizza – Re-inspection: 9-24-2010
  - k) Pirate’s Cove Ice Cream (New Owner) – Pre-Operation: 9-24-2010
  - l) St. Camillus Health Care – Re-inspection: 9-17-2010
  - m) St. Patrick’s Church – Routine: 9-24-2010
  - n) Sparetime Recreation – Routine: 9-18-2010
  - o) West End Creamery – Re-inspection: 9-25-2010
  - p) Whitinsville Golf Club – Routine: 9-18-2010 (3 Critical Violations)
- 8) Correspondence:
  - a) Letter from Heritage Park Estates – Response regarding Second Hand Smoke Complaint
  - b) Warrant for Fall Annual Town Meeting – October 26, 2010
  - c) E.L. Harvey – Fall Open House Invitation
- 9) Old & New Business:
  - a) DEP Fact Sheet on “Noise”