



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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*The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held October 5, 2010.*

## MEETING MINUTES - September 21, 2010

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

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of **August 24, 2010**. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was 2-0 in favor. Mr. Chase abstained.

**Food Scrap Recycling Program Proposal – WalMart Supercenter:** Present for this discussion was Robin Sweere, Operations Manager Quest Recycling.

Mr. Garabedian expressed his concern that from April through December dumpsters can be a big problem due to odors and leakage. He expressed concern of whether WalMart employees would be able to maintain and control this type of activity without causing a nuisance.

Ms. Sweere stated that the store manager is held accountable. The store manager is the only one with a key to the bin to allow access. She stated that with that procedure in place they typically see less than .02 % contamination – contamination being plastic or rubber bands in the food waste. She stated that the waste hauler upon arrival will meet with the store manager for access to the bin. Once emptied the driver will use a scrub brush and power washer to clean inside of bin. The bin is then sanitized. This is done through an on-site water containment system on the truck. This is done every time the bin is emptied. The whole process of emptying, cleaning and sanitizing the bin takes about 15 minutes.

Ms. Sweere further stated that to address concerns about odor, they have gaskets on the bin which keeps the smell contained within the bin.

Mr. Cella questioned what would happen if the driver doesn't clean and sanitize the bin.

Ms. Sweere stated that Store Manger can address that on their service level reports. If the bin is not cleaned as required, the store manager can report that and within 24 hours the hauler must respond by returning to the store to clean the bin.

Ms. Sweere presented a site plan for the Board's review showing two options for bin placement.

After much discussion, Mr. Chase stated that the Board really needs to conduct a site visit to determine the best location for the bins. Ms. Gniadek was instructed to contact the store manager to arrange a site visit of the store.

**Sutton Street Odor Complaint:** Present for this meeting were Nancy Cross (145 Sutton Street), Kelly Macjewski (159-163 Sutton Street), Kimberly Poudrier (14 Fowler Avenue), and Rich Trubey (145 Sutton Street). Arriving later in the meeting was Colleen Leighton (16 Cove Place).

Ms. Cross provided the Board with documentation entitled “The Demise of Cove Pond, Rockdale, MA”. She stated that there has been an issue at this location for the past 17 years. She stated that the dumpsters and trash trucks owned by Service Time, located at 76 Sutton Street, are full of trash and debris and that they are located within 30-feet of the pond. She stated that they wash their trucks and dumpsters in the parking lot and that the wash water flows into Cove Pond as there is no drainage system located there. She stated that she has seen Service Time empty one of their trash trucks onto the parking lot and then had Gerry Caya, owner of the property, use his backhoe to reload that truck. The fence that Gerry Caya was ordered to install as a barrier has been removed. She asked that the Board of Health work with the Conservation Commission to address their concerns.

Ms. Cross further stated that she has walked the edges of this pond and has found trash and debris in the pond including a couch and railroad ties covered in creosote. She stated that the smell has been so bad that they have had to lock themselves inside their homes with the windows closed. She stated that this area has been abused.

The Board discussed whether the trash hauler was operating as a transfer station. Mr. Cella asked Ms. Gniadek to obtain a copy of their zoning/occupancy permit.

The Board reviewed the September 1<sup>st</sup> report of the health inspector, Jim Gosselin.

In order to properly address the concerns of these residents, the Board agreed to conduct their own site inspection. The matter was tabled to their next meeting.

**Health Inspector Salary:** Mr. Gosselin was not present to discuss his requested salary increase. The matter was tabled to the next meeting.

**Food Service Establishments – Review of Food Establishment Inspection Reports:** The Board reviewed food establishment inspection reports conducted in August and September. The Board asked that their Food Establishment Inspection Policy be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

**Food Allergen Regulations:** The Board reviewed the amendments to the Food Code regarding food allergy awareness.

Mr. Garabedian provided the Board with copies of the memorandums sent by the Milford and Douglas Boards of Health to their food establishments to make them aware of the new requirements.

The Board asked that Ms. Gniadek prepare a similar type memorandum for the Northbridge establishments.

**Seasonal Flu Clinics:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the Department of Public Health, in an effort to support the continued cooperation between health departments and schools that was established during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, have offered providers the opportunity to request additional seasonal flu vaccine. She stated that the School Nurse Leader, Lori Johnson, had submitted a request for 400 doses of seasonal flu vaccine and that that request has been approved.

The VNA has been allotted 360 doses of seasonal flu vaccine and has scheduled clinics at the Northbridge Senior Center for October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 PM.

*The seasonal flu vaccine is being recommended to everyone over the age of 6 months.*

**Heritage Park Second Hand Smoke Complaint:** Ms. Gniadek provided the Board with copies of the letters sent in regards to the second hand smoke complaint at Heritage Park Condominiums as discussed at their last meeting.

**Board of Health Office Relocation:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she anticipates the relocation of the Board of Health office to the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex to occur within the next few weeks.

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

- Master Plan – Open Space & Recreation Plan Public Workshop – September 28, 2010
- National Take-Back Initiative (Prescription Drug and Over the Counter Drug Take Back Program) – September 25, 2010 from 10AM – 2PM (List of local collection sites)

*There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM was made by Mr. Chase and seconded by Mr. Garabedian – all in favor.*

*Attested by,*

*Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator*

*List of Documents utilized by Board of Health*  
*Meeting Date: September 21, 2010*

- 1) DRAFT Minutes of August 24, 2010
- 2) Site Plan noting proposed Organics Bin Placement at Walmart Supercenter
- 3) Sutton Street Odor Complaint
  - a) Report (dated September 1, 2010)
  - b) Emails from Chris Cella & Steve Garabedian
  - c) Copies of Board of Health Phone Call Log Re: Odor Complaint
  - d) Emails from DPW regarding odor complaints received
  - e) Conservation Commission letter to Service Time (dated July 21, 2010)
  - f) Documentation from Nancy Cross entitled "The Demise of Cove Pond, Rockdale, MA"
- 4) Minutes from March 23, 2010 Board of Health minutes regarding selection of James Gosselin as Health Insp.
- 5) Food Establishment Inspection Reports
  - a) Armenian Apostolic Church (One-Day Event): 8-21-2010
  - b) Arakelian's Market – Routine: 8-21-2010
  - c) Cellar Sooper – Routine: 9-3-2010
  - d) Daily Bread Cafe – Re-inspection: 9-3-2010
  - e) Domino's Pizza – Re-inspection 8-20-2010 (1 Critical Violation)
  - f) Dunkin Donuts – Routine: 8-21-2010 (1 Critical Violation)
  - g) Dunkin Donuts – Re-inspection: 9-3-2010
  - h) Foppema's Farm – Routine: 9-11-2010
  - i) Friendly Discount Liquors – Routine: 9-10-2010
  - j) Harry's Famous Pizza – Re-inspection: 8-21-2010
  - k) Hess Express – Routine: 9-3-2010
  - l) Highland Farms – Re-inspection: 9-3-2010
  - m) Koopman Lumber – Routine: 9-11-2010
  - n) Laurieann's Restaurant – Routine: 8-27-2010 (3 Critical Violation)
  - o) Laurieann's Restaurant – Re-inspection: 9-10-2010
  - p) McDonald's – Routine: 9-11-2010 (2 Critical Violations)
  - q) New England Pizza – Routine: 9-10-2010 (2 Critical Violations)
  - r) Peace of Bread Community Kitchen – Routine: 9-8-2010
  - s) Peg's Diner – Routine: 8-21-2010
  - t) St. Camillus Health Care – Routine: 9-4-2010
  - u) The Valley Cafe – Routine: 8-20-2010
  - v) The Valley Cafe – Re-inspection: 9-3-2010
  - w) WalMart Supercenter – Other (renovation of seafood dept.): 8-27-2010
  - x) West End Creamery – Routine: 9-11-2010
- 6) Food Allergen Awareness
  - a) Memorandum from Kim Foley, Acting Director of Food Protection Program (dated August 25, 2010) regarding Enforcement Guidelines for Allergen Awareness Regulation
  - b) Memorandums to Food Establishments from Milford and Douglas Boards of Health
- 7) Seasonal Flu Clinic Schedule
- 8) Letters(dated September 15, 2010) addressed to Heritage Park Condominium Association and to Jolinda Londergan, resident of Heritage Park, regarding Second Hand Smoke Complaint
- 9) Board of Health Office Relocation – no documentation provided
- 10) Correspondence:
  - a) Notice of Public Workshop for Master Plan/Open Space & Recreation Plan
  - b) Dept. of Justice National Take Back Initiative and listing of local collection sites