



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

MEETING MINUTES - September 28, 2010

This meeting was called to order at 5:05 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.

Food Scrap Recycling Program Proposal – WalMart Supercenter: The Board met at the WalMart Supercenter, 100 Valley Parkway, Whitinsville, to conduct a site inspection of the compactor areas to determine the best location for placement of bins for an Organics Recycling Proposal.

Mr. Robert Rolandelli, Store Manager, and Mr. Derek Normandin, Food Assistant Manager, provided the Board with a tour of the store and explained the procedure for the recycling of organics. Mr. Rolandelli stated that fruits, vegetables, some flowers, some bakery products, as well as other products are removed from the waste stream through organics recycling. He stated that no meats or eggshells can be recycled. He also stated that no plastic, paper, rubber bands, or even stickers commonly seen on fruits and vegetables can be placed in the organics bin. Mr. Normandin stated that WalMart has a policy manual that explains the procedures for store managers. The Board requested a list of acceptable items for organics recycling as well as information from the policy manual on procedures.

Mr. Rolandelli stated that only store managers have keys that will allow access to the bins. The manager has to unlock the door to get outside, unlock the bin to allow the employee to place the organics in the recycling container, re-lock the bin, and then upon re-entering the store, the manager will have to re-lock the door. This would be their control method to ensure that only allowed products are placed in the organics containers. Mr. Cella raised questions about having an employee just leave food waste by the door because they didn't want to go outside. Mr. Rolandelli responded that management would obviously frown upon that and would use the numerous cameras located throughout the store to determine which employee did that and then they would take appropriate action.

The Board questioned the location of the 1,000-gallon grease interceptor they believed was located in the compactor pad area. They were unable to find that. Ms. Gniadek was instructed to review plans and to speak with Malley Engineering to determine the location of that interceptor.

The Board will take this matter up at their next meeting scheduled for October 5, 2010.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 5:45 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 28, 2010

No documents were copied, prepared or presented to the Board for this meeting.