



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held May 12, 2009.

MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 14, 2009

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of March 16, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was 2-0 in favor; Mr. Chase abstained.

Food Service – Vail Field Concession Stand: Present for this meeting was Sean Kelly and Patrick Zanella representing the Northbridge Youth Softball Association. Mr. Kelly stated that his organization met with Ms. Gilchrist to review what was required for the operation of the concession stand and that they have determined that they will not be installing sinks and will limit their food sales to pre-packaged foods and hot dogs. The reason for their presentation this evening is to request permission to install an outdoor water spigot on the concession stand. He stated that the water would be used for watering flowers, taking care of the lawn, being able to mop out the concession stand, and to keep down the dust from the field.

Mr. McKeon noted that the Board of Health in May of 2007 had discussed this matter and agreed with their Health Agent, Ms. Gilchrist, not to allow the installation and use of an outdoor water faucet due to the potential risk of abusing the water supply for washing hands and utensils, as well as using a connected hose to supply water to the softball players.

Mr. Kelly strongly stated that he would ensure that the water spigot not be abused and that it would only be used for those items he mentioned. He assured the Board that the water would not be used for washing utensils or filling water bottles.

Mr. McKeon stated that he believed Mr. Kelly but that he would not always be there and could not guarantee to the Board that the water would not be used for other matters. Mr. Garabedian agreed stating that he was very concerned over the potential risk of abusing the availability of water at this location.

The Board questioned whether the organization would consider installing a hand-wash sink in the concession stand. Mr. Kelly stated that per Ms. Gilchrist the sinks were removed and the wastewater line was capped.

Mr. Garabedian motioned to postpone a decision on this matter until the Board has had a chance to speak with Ms. Gilchrist to see if her position on this matter has changed since 2007. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Risk-Based Performance Inspection Template & Revised Food Establishment Inspection

Policy: Ms. Gniadek prepared for the Board's review a revised draft of a proposed Risk-Based Food Establishment Inspection Policy as well as a revised Food Establishment Inspection Policy which incorporates the Risk-Based Inspection criteria. The Board requested that the matter be placed on the next agenda as a full Board was not present this evening.

Code of Regulations – Review of Pending Amendments: The Board continued their review of proposed amendments to their Code of Regulations.

Old & New Business: The Board reviewed correspondence from the **Department of Agriculture** regarding the **APR Land** located on Hill Street.

Ms. Gniadek distributed to the Board the **2009 Recreational Camp Notices**.

Ms. Gniadek asked the Board to consider hosting a **WRMRC Orientation for Emergency Preparedness**. She stated that this was proposed last fall but due to staffing changes at the WRMRC the orientation never occurred. Shawn Windsor has taken over the position previously held by Karyn Card and Ms. Gniadek stated that she would like to move forward with registering the town's volunteers and having them CORI'd, credentialed, and badged. The Board agreed to move forward with hosting an Orientation Session.

Citizen's Forum: Burnham Miller, Jason Poquette, Steven Stanley, Gerry McManus, and Tom and Jeff Carcione, residents of Sunset Drive appeared before the Board. Mr. Stanley stated that they were present to ask the Board's advice on how to bring this matter to a conclusion. He stated that he is under the impression that Mr. Kroll believes that something needs to be fixed but that they are unconvinced and are looking for something official from the Board of Health.

Mr. McKeon stated that the Board of Health has stated based on three water tests conducted at this site, that this is not a threat to public health. He stated that the Board cannot give them any advice. He stated that based on the records in the Board of Health office, in 1959 the design of the filter bed for drainage was prepared and appears approved by, H. Cedric Andrews, who according to the records of the Town served as the Building Inspector. Mr. McKeon also noted that as Mr. Miller has stated in the past that the filter bed was designed with an overflow area, the design on file is consistent with Mr. Miller's belief as the August 9, 1959 building permit states in part that the over flow shall be at least 12" below the pipes in the drainage system. Mr. McKeon informed those present that the Board of Health could not provide them with any additional documentation but that minutes of the Board reflect their unified consensus that this is not a public health matter.

Correspondence: Correspondence distributed to the Board included:

- Tom Berkowitz Trucking – Wood Chipping Notice
- Kopelman & Paige Memorandum – Outdoor Wood Boiler Regulations
- Warrant for Spring Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 2009
- Arthur Kroll, Trustee, 1192 Hill Street Trust Letter to Paul McKeon (500 Benson Road, Northbridge, MA) – April 1, 2009

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM was made by Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Garabedian – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant