



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

MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 15, 2009

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of November 17, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Cella; the vote was 3-0 in favor; Mr. Chase abstained.

Quaker Street Landfill: The Board reviewed the annual inspection report of the Quaker Street Landfill conducted on November 5, 2009 by Anthony J. Wespiser, PE, of BETA Group.

Mr. McKeon stated that he received a call from Lynne Welsh, Solid Waste Acting Chief at the DEP regarding the Boards' letter to reduce sampling at the Quaker Street Landfill. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that John McMichael of DEP has contacted the office and has informed the Board that a SW-22 form must be completed to request reduced monitoring. This application must be completed by a Professional Engineer and submitted along with an application fee of \$1,125. The Board questioned how much money the Town would save if the sampling was reduced. They requested that an estimate be determined before deciding whether it was feasible to spend the \$1,125 application fee plus engineering costs. The matter was tabled to the next meeting.

H1N1 Vaccine Update: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that as of this date 714 doses of the H1N1 vaccine have been administered through the three clinics held thus far. She informed the Board that an order confirmation for 1500 doses has been received and that a Saturday clinic has been scheduled for January 9, 2010 from 9AM to 1PM at the Northbridge Middle School.

Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) grant funds totaling \$24,576.61 is expected to be received to cover costs associated with H1N1 vaccination clinics. She stated that funds must be expended by June 30, 2010. A budget proposal for possible costs was reviewed by the Board. Consideration was given to paying the clinic staff. Mr. McKeon stated that just the nursing staff should be paid. Mr. Garabedian disagreed saying that volunteers handling paperwork should also be paid for their time.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to expend PHER fund payments to H1N1 clinic staff as follows: Nurses: \$165 per clinic; Greeters: \$85 per clinic; Floaters: \$50 per clinic. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.

Tom Berkowitz Trucking – Semi Annual Inspection: The Board reviewed the semi-annual waste transfer station inspection report completed by Norfolk Ram. No action was required by the Board at this time.

760 Providence Road – Private/Public Water Supply: The Board reviewed correspondence from John Dyer addressed to the DEP Drinking Water Program regarding the private water supply at property located at 760 Providence Road. This letter came to the Board as building permits for the site have not been issued pending approval of the water supply to the property as it has the potential of being a public water supply due to the number of people served and the number of days per year that water is provided. The Board discussed the matter and noted that no action would be taken by the Board until a determination is rendered by the DEP as to whether this private water supply meets the definition of a public water supply system.

Pollard Road – Nitrate Levels: The Board reviewed recent correspondence from Senator Kerry regarding the Board's request for assistance in addressing the elevated nitrate levels found in private drinking water wells in the Pollard Road-Hill Street-Sutton Street area.

Quaker Street – Christine Taylor – Stable Permit: Ms. Christine Taylor appeared before the Board to request a determination on whether leasing abutting property to meet the one-acre requirement for the stabling of a horse on her property would be acceptable by the Board of Health.

Mr. McKeon stated that he would like to have this matter reviewed by Town Counsel. He questioned whether Ms. Taylor could meet all the other requirements including the 100-foot setback to any drinking water wells. Ms. Taylor stated that she could meet all other requirements and submitted a plan for their review.

Mr. McKeon stated that the Board could not make a decision on this issue until a determination is made by Town Counsel. Ron Roux, a contractor-friend of Ms. Taylor, stated that Town Counsel will rule in Ms. Taylor's favor and asked that the Board consider granting the stable permit subject to Town Counsel approval. The Board declined making any decision on this matter until a decision is made by Town Counsel.

Ms. Taylor asked that she be allowed to stable her horse there right now as she cannot afford to keep the horse where it is. The Board stated that she could not as she does not have a permit to stable the horse at this location. The Board agreed to request a speedy review by Town Counsel to resolve this matter in a timely manner.

Camelot Subdivision – Malley Engineering Report: The Board reviewed the report of Malley Engineering for this 65-lot proposed subdivision to be located off Hill Street. The subdivision will be serviced by municipal water and sewer.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to approve Malley Engineering report and to forward to Planning Board for their consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM was made by Mr. Cella and seconded by Mr. Chase – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant