



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
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*The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held April 14, 2009.*

**MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 16, 2009**

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This meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman. Other members present were Mr. Steven Garabedian, Mr. Christopher Cella, and Ms. Ann Marie Thompson. Mr. Scott Chase was absent. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant and Ms. Terry Gilchrist, Health Inspector.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Thompson to accept the minutes of March 10, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was 4-0 in favor.

**Brian's Restaurant:** Present for this meeting was Brian Snay (owner of the establishment), Matt Clark, Liam Zibell, and Joyce Vario.

Mr. McKeon stated that the Board requested this meeting due to the number of violations (33) cited in the February 28, 2009 food establishment inspection report and the receipt of information from the Northbridge Police Department that the facility has an infestation of mice. Mr. McKeon stated that a re-inspection was conducted on March 14, 2009 and that he accompanied Ms. Gilchrist during that inspection. As of the March 14<sup>th</sup> inspection, six (6) violations remain to be corrected. Ms. Gilchrist stated that she was pleased with the amount of violations that had been corrected at this facility.

Mr. McKeon stated that he noted the exterior traps around the building were labeled November of 2008. Mr. Snay stated that he was told the traps were re-baited. Mr. McKeon stated that the facility needs to be more diligent and that they need to accompany the pesticide company and they need to ask questions. They need to find out if the traps are being re-baited on each visit.

Mr. Snay stated that he has spoken with the staff and they agree that they have been lax but they intend to put their best foot forward.

Mr. Cella stated that a foodborne illness in a senior citizen could be fatal. He informed Mr. Snay that the mousetraps are his responsibility. Mr. Cella stated that a re-inspection will be done in 10 days and that this facility will be closed down if there are any violations.

Mr. Garabedian stated that if he were inspecting, if he got to 20 or 25 violations, he would simply close the establishment and tell them to call him when they are done.

Mr. Clark stated that they are looking into other companies for pest control. He stated that they have been in business for 13 years and that they all have families in the area and that they want to be in compliance. He stated that they are doing the best that they can.

Ms. Thompson stated that they are slipping if they think this is their best.

Mr. Cella stated that he didn't care if it was 13 years or 13 days, the establishment needs to be clean. He stated that they have to do better. He stated that the poor condition of this establishment is a reflection on the Board and that this will no longer be tolerated.

Mr. Snay stated that he appreciated the warning and that they will do better.

**China Pacific – Grease Interceptors:** Present for this meeting was Tommy Lee, owner of this establishment.

Mr. McKeon informed Mr. Lee that the Board is in the process of re-writing the food establishment inspection policy. Mr. McKeon noted that the last food establishment inspection report by this office cited 30 violations and that he needs to do better as the Board may determine that a report such as that could mean immediate closure of the food operation.

Mr. McKeon stated that the reason he was called here tonight was to address the grease trap installation. Mr. Lee stated that D'Agostino Plumbing has been contracted and that they are starting work tomorrow. He said that two grease interceptors were being installed, the first one occurring tomorrow. Ms. Gilchrist asked Mr. Lee where the traps were being installed. Mr. Lee explained that one was to be located at the dishwasher and one in the cooking area. He explained that they were going to remove a hand-wash sink and replace it with a smaller one so that the unit could fit under that sink. The Board asked when he expected the second trap to be installed. Mr. Lee seemed unsure. The Board informed Mr. Lee that both interceptors must be installed by the end of the month.

**Arcade Package Store:** Having past the time that a representative of this establishment was requested to appear, the Board discussed suspending their food permit due to outstanding violations not being corrected. Ms. Gilchrist informed the Board that the establishment is repeatedly cited for the same violations. The Board reviewed state regulations governing the suspension of a food permit.

**Motion made by Mr. Cella to suspend food permit issued to Arcade Package Store effective immediately. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.**

Mr. McKeon and Mr. Garabedian will visit the store to ensure that all food products have been removed from the shelves.

**Risk-Based Performance Inspection Template:** Ms. Gniadek prepared for the Board's review a draft Risk-Based Food Establishment Inspection Policy for their consideration. The policy was prepared in accordance with state regulations and is subject to approval by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The policy assigns numerical values to inspection criteria that establishes whether a facility is considered High Risk, Elevated Risk, Average Risk, or Low Risk. It would allow the Board of Health to conduct just one inspection per year of a Low-Risk establishment and up to four inspections per year of a High-Risk establishment. The policy, a worksheet to determine risk, and a summary of calculations performed on 12 existing establishments was distributed to the Board.

After much discussion, the Board requested time to review the policy and asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Food Establishment Inspection Policy:** A review of the current Food Establishment Inspection Procedure Policy was discussed by the Board. Mr. Garabedian stated that he would like to see Ms. Gilchrist close down an establishment when she writes reports that have excessive violations. He stated that in Milford where he works, if he writes that many violations, he basically stops and tells the establishment to close down and to call him when the place is ready for inspection.

Mr. McKeon stated that the policy could determine a set number of critical violations that would warrant the closure of the establishment. He suggested that Ms. Gilchrist prepare a listing of critical violations.

Ms. Gilchrist stated that a new food establishment inspection reporting form is being introduced soon and that it will include a scoring system. Ms. Gniadek cautioned the Board on the use of a scoring system because it can be misleading. For instance, an establishment with 15 minor violations if they were deducted one point each or an establishment with several critical violations could end up with the same score, yet the establishment with the critical violations would be of much greater concern.

The Board will revisit this matter at the next meeting after review of the risk-based policy for food establishments.

**Old & New Business:** The Board reviewed the Core-Mark (355 Main Street, Whitinsville) application for a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow the construction of 5 additional loading docks at this property – the activity to occur with the Floodplain District.

**Motion to recommend approval of the Special Permit application was made by Mr. Cella. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson; the vote was all in favor.**

**Correspondence:** Correspondence distributed to the Board included:

- Arthur Kroll, Trustee, 1192 Hill Street Trust Letter to Malley Engineering – March 13, 2009
- Arthur Kroll, Trustee, 1192 Hill Street Trust Letter to Paul McKeon (500 Benson Road, Northbridge, MA) – March 13, 2009
- Northbridge Conservation Commission – Adoption of Local Regulations
- New Tobacco Product Alert – Dissolvable Tobacco

*There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM was made by Mr. Cella, seconded by Mr. Garabedian – all in favor.*

*Attested by,*

*Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant*