



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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*The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held November 17, 2009.*

## MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 20, 2009

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

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Cella to accept the minutes of October 6, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was 3-0 in favor.

**Title 5 Sewage Disposal – 55 McQuades Lane:** Present for this meeting was Rob Scott, a Title 5 inspector. He requested this meeting before the Board to ask that they consider allowing him to replace the distribution box and jet wash the lines of the sewage disposal system at 55 McQuades Lane to “limp” the system along for another 4-5 years until town sewer becomes available. The Board of Health office is in receipt of two failed Title 5 inspection reports for this property.

The Board informed Mr. Scott that they did not believe that town sewer would be made available to this area within the next five years – the extension of the sewer has not been approved at town meeting and has been in discussion for years with no action being taken.

Mr. Cella asked what Malley Engineering thought of Mr. Scott’s proposal. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that Mr. Malley reviewed the file and informed her that his recommendation would be to use the soils data on file, have an engineer design a plan that meets current Title 5 regulations, and then have that system installed by a licensed installer.

Mr. Scott stated that he felt that by jetting the lines and replacing the d-box, the system could be monitored and if that works, then the owners could hook into town sewer when it becomes available. He stated that the owners are working hard to renovate this home.

Mr. McKeon stated that he did not believe that this proposal would work. The Board also expressed concern that allowing this type of action would set a precedent for future failed title 5 reports to request the same consideration.

**Motion made by Mr. Cella to require that the system at 5 McQuades Lane be upgraded in accordance with Title 5 regulations. Motion seconded by Mr. Garabedian; the vote was all in favor.**

**Title 5 Sewage Disposal – 30 Batcheller Road:** The Board reviewed the report of Malley Engineering showing that on October 15, 2009 a deep hole test was conducted at this property to determine estimated high groundwater elevation. This test was requested by the Board as they are in receipt of two failed Title 5 inspection reports noting GW at 4-feet and one PASSING report noting GW at 12-feet.

Mr. Malley's report indicates that three test pits were dug by Robert Speroni, an excavator contractor hired by the owner of the property. The first pit was abandoned as Mr. Speroni could not obtain a depth of more than 3.5-feet. Two test pits to the rear of the property were dig to 74" and 62" – ledge was encountered at both depths. Mr. Malley notes that seasonal high groundwater was found to be at 42-inches in each of these two pits.

The Board noted that the FAILED Title 5 report of John L. Darling notes that the leaching pit is 6-feet deep. Therefore, the leaching pit is BELOW the high GW elevation which is a failure criteria according to Title 5 regulations.

**A motion was made by Mr. Cella to issue an Enforcement Order requiring that the owner contract with an engineering firm to initiate the required system upgrade within 30 days; submission of an engineered plan for the repair to be submitted within 90 days, and that the installation of the approved system occur no later than July 1, 2010. Motion seconded by Ms. Thompson; the vote was all in favor.**

**Title 5 Sewage Disposal – WalMart Supercenter Grease Interceptors:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the company handling the pumping of the grease interceptors has been in contact with the office and has provided the requested documentation of the pumping of the grease interceptor fixtures at this facility. She stated that Chick Melfi of EP&S of Vermont, Inc. has assured her that the reports will be submitted accurately and in a timely manner to the Board of Health office.

**Emergency Preparedness & Planning – H1N1 Updates:** Ms. Gniadek provided the Board with information pertaining to the CDC announcement of delay in receiving the H1N1 vaccine. The alert message instructs communities to postpone public clinics.

In other news, the Board received notification of the release of Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) I & II grant funds. The award notification letter states that Northbridge will receive \$7,582.85. It was noted that this amount does not include the PHER III grant monies. These funds are to be used for implementing mass vaccination efforts to counter the H1N1 pandemic.

**Youth Access Tobacco Compliance Checks:** Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that she has been in contact with Bob Collett, a tobacco compliance officer, and he has agreed to conduct youth access compliance checks for Northbridge. These checks should be completed within the nest week or so.

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

- USDA Response Letter to high Nitrate levels at Pollard Road – The Board instructed Ms. Gniadek to send letters to the agencies referenced in this letter to seek their assistance.
- DEP Transmittal – Riverdale Mills Corp. – Interim Permit for water withdrawal under the Water Management Act

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

*Attested by,*

*Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant*