



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held October 20, 2009.

MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 6, 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. Cella to accept the minutes of September 8, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Garabedian to accept the minutes of September 15, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. McKeon; the vote was 2-0 in favor; Mr. Chase and Mr. Cella abstained.

Tom Berkowitz Trucking – Site Assignment Modification: The Board reviewed the recent Denial by the Department of Environmental Protection issued to Berkowitz Trucking in response to his Request for Waiver from Site Assignment Regulations. The request for waiver was necessary for the applicant to proceed with his application for a major modification to the site assignment for this facility as it lies within the Riverfront Protection Area.

In other business, the Board reviewed a notice from Tom Berkowitz Trucking that they will no longer be conducting wood grinding operations at this transfer station facility.

Title 5 Sewage Disposal – Wal-Mart Quarterly Inspection Report: The Board reviewed the August 19, 2009 quarterly inspection report conducted by Apex Companies. No action by the Board is required at this time.

The Board questioned whether the appropriate grease trap pumping records were being received. Ms. Gniadek stated that the Board is receiving pumping records but that those records don't provide the detail of quantity pumped from each fixture as requested by the Board to be able to monitor these fixtures.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to send a letter to Wal-Mart informing them that grease trap pumping records detailing quantity pumped from each fixture is required to be submitted to this office; failure to do so will require a representative of their company to appear before the Board at their next scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Title 5 Sewage Disposal – 30 Batcheller Road: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that an application for deep hole testing was received but that as of this date the testing has not been conducted. She stated that Mr. Malley was contacted by Attorney Robert Knapik asking that the owner be allowed to do another Title 5 inspection instead. Mr. Cella stated that it was a motion by this Board that deep hole testing be done within 30 days, which would have been 30-days from their September 8th meeting.

Mr. Cella made a motion to inform Mr. Malley that deep hole testing must be completed at this property no later than October 16, 2009 as required by prior vote of this Board and that he provide 2 days notice to this Board so that a representative of the Board can attend. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Title 5 Sewage Disposal – 548 Sutton Street: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that the septic plans for this property are due to expire and that the owner was issued a Notice of Non-Compliance after receipt of a failed Title 5 inspection report in July of 2006. Septic plans, once approved, are valid for a three-year period.

Another property located at **222 North Main Street, Whitinsville** is under similar conditions – the septic was found to be in failure in 2006, repair plans are on file and due to expire.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to send letters to each of these property owners informing them that their septic plans are due to expire and that they must contract for the repair of their system within 30 days. Motion seconded by Mr. Chase; the vote was all in favor.

Emergency Preparedness & Planning: Ms. Gniadek provided the Board with information pertaining to the priority groups to be vaccinated against H1N1, especially if a limited supply of vaccine is received. She stated that she has been meeting with Lori Johnson, the Head School Nurse, and that plans are progressing for H1N1 clinics. All school nurses have recently attended a Vaccinator Refresher Program offered by the Dept. of Public Health.

Ms. Gniadek stated that she has registered with the Vaccine Program and has requested 5300 doses of H1N1 vaccine. The Vaccine Information Statements from the CDC have just been released and she is waiting for the Consent Forms from DPH for those under the age of 18.

Ms. Gniadek also informed the Board that she expects Northbridge to receive grant money to assist in the H1N1 vaccination program and its associated costs through the PHER I, II, & III programs.

Pollard Road Nitrates – Update: The Board received copies of the correspondence that was sent to Senator Richard Moore, Representative George Peterson, Senator John Kerry, and Senator Paul Kirk with copies to the USDA and the Department of Agriculture requesting their assistance in mitigating the high nitrate levels in the private drinking water wells in this area. As of this date, Representative Peterson has called the Board of Health office suggesting that they speak with the DEP, Department of Agriculture, or see if there are any block grant funds available for the extension of the water line – he noted that at this time there is not much money out there for this sort of thing.

Youth Access Tobacco Compliance Checks: Ms. Gniadek informed the Board that although they had requested compliance checks be conducted in July, the consultant has yet to accomplish that task. Ms. Gniadek informed the Board of her various attempts to get these checks done and her recent conversations with the consultant who has expressed interest in getting them done soon. Ms. Gniadek asked the Board if they wished to look into the possibility of having someone else conduct these checks.

Mr. Garabedian offered to find out who is conducting compliance checks in Milford and if they are using the same consultant then the Board would ask that Ms. Gniadek contact another individual who is approved/trained by DPH for tobacco compliance checks to see if they would be willing to conduct checks in Northbridge.

Old & New Business: Mr. Garabedian informed the Board that he is scheduled to meet with Terry Gilchrist, Health Inspector, on October 17, 2009 to accompany her on her routine inspection of **Brian's Restaurant**. The Board instructed Mr. Garabedian, that if he deems it necessary due to outstanding and egregious violations of the food code, that he should close the establishment. Mr. Garabedian stated that he is not going in there with the intent to close them down. The Board asked that Mr. Garabedian also accompany Ms. Gilchrist on her next routine inspection of the **China Pacific Restaurant**.

Mr. Garabedian also informed the Board that he met with the owner of property located at **273 Providence Road, Linwood**. He stated that the property has a lot of stuff on it and it needs to be organized and put away but that this stuff is not trash. Mr. Garabedian stated that he spoke with Terry Morrissette, owner of Cherubs Haven, the day care center located adjacent to this property, and advised her that she could pursue the matter further through the Building Department to see if it could be determined that he is running a business there now and whether he has appropriate permits to do so. Another option provided to Ms. Morrissette was to contact the Fire Department for an inspection of any oil or hazardous products on the property. Mr. Garabedian will continue to monitor this situation.

Correspondence: Correspondence distributed to the Board included:

- › Town Meeting Warrant – October 27, 2009

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

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant