



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held October 6, 2009.

MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman. Other members present were Mr. Steven Garabedian and Ms. Ann Marie Thompson. Mr. Scott Chase and Mr. Christopher Cella were absent. Also present was Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator, and Ms. Sara Delisio, Emergency Preparedness Planner for Massachusetts Department of Public Health Region 2.

Other Town officials that were present were Police Chief Walter Warchol, Fire Chief Gary Nestor, Selectman Daniel Nolan, Emergency Management Director Richard West, and DPW Director Richard Sasseville.

Emergency Dispensing Site – Volunteer Orientation

Mr. McKeon thanked the volunteers that were present and informed them that the purpose of this meeting was to provide them with an overview of what an Emergency Dispensing Site is. He stated that the planning of the EDS has been handled by Ms. Gniadek and with that he turned the meeting over to her.

Ms. Gniadek stated that Ms. Delisio was present to provide an overview of the operation of an EDS and together we would discuss the Northbridge EDS location and follow up with what we know as of this date of the H1N1 vaccine.

Ms. Delisio presented an overview of the operation of an EDS from triage to vaccination. Ms. Gniadek presented an overview of the Northbridge EDS location and informed those present that that picture ID badges are being prepared for those that possess a medical license. They were instructed to stop by the Northbridge Police Station to have their picture taken.

Ms. Gniadek explained that she is working with Lori Johnson, Head School Nurse, to determine the best way to vaccinate the school children, the target population, for the H1N1 flu. She stated that they are looking at holding Saturday clinics as that would be the best way to receive the vaccine permission slips from the parents. It was also felt that many parents would want to accompany their children when they receive this vaccine. Concerns were raised about holding Saturday clinics and having parents insist on receiving the vaccination for themselves.

After the conclusion of the Question and Answer period, a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM was made by Mr. Garabedian and seconded by Ms. Thompson – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant