



# Town of Northborough

## Board of Health

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Members Present: Glenn French  
Deirdre O'Connor  
Dilip Jain  
Jamie Terry, Board of Health Agent

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Northborough Town offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Chairman Glenn French. The minutes from the October 12, 2010 meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Dan Clark of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR): Division of Water Supply Protection appeared before the Board tonight to discuss water quality concerns the possibility of the Board implementing a no feeding ordinance. Mr. Clark explained that gulls are his target species, especially ring billed gulls. Currently, the concern is with humans feeding these gulls at parking lots such as the one at Wal-Mart located at 200 Otis Street. The DCR would like the opportunity to severely limit and/or completely remove this food source. Mr. Clark says that he has been working closely with Wal-Mart & corporate appears to be agreeable in allowing them to erect signage in the parking lot. They currently have a pilot program ready to go that includes education materials and signage for the parking lots. Ms. Terry and the Board expressed concern over enforcement of the no feeding ordinance as the Board of Health does not have the ability to fine individuals found in violation. The Board believes that the problem ultimately lies with Wal-Mart and that they should come up with some solution as at this time they will not be requiring them to do anything. The Board requests that the DCR run the pilot program first to see what comes from the education and signage. Ms. Terry suggested that if the DCR is able to identify specific feeders, she would be willing to send a letter to them explaining why they shouldn't be feeding these gulls.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that Town Counsel has reviewed the revisions of the septic regulations and that a public meeting will be held next month, voting will most likely take place in January.

Ms. Terry and the Board reviewed recent food inspections that were completed. No outstanding issues were reported at this time.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 6:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Roach