



## Town of Northborough

### Board of Health

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Members Present: Glenn French  
Dilip Jain  
Jamie Terry, Board of Health Agent

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Northborough Town offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Glenn French. The minutes from the February 8, 2011 meeting were approved as read.

Ms. Terry advised the Board that there has been a request made that the Town of Northborough 1) protect the Town of Westborough's Indian Meadow Well Zone II Recharge Area and 2) The Board of Health adopt model groundwater protection regulations addressing what is prohibited. Ms. Terry and the Board reviewed the proposed Groundwater Protection Regulations provided by Jay Billings of Northeast Geoscience Inc. and will take the request under advisement and evaluate it at a future date.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed a memo that she recently sent out to all residents on private wells. This memo was in response to a recent study that was performed by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) which indicates that levels of naturally occurring arsenic and uranium may exceed drinking water standards. Ms. Terry reports that this does not represent an immediate public health threat; however she is recommending that homeowners who have a private bedrock well test their water quality for arsenic and uranium levels.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the Shrewsbury sewer main break that occurred in Town on Thayer Street along with two significant line breaches on Davis Street. Ms. Terry informed the Board that homeowners on Thayer Street with private wells were initially placed on a recommended boil water order/notice. Ms. Terry advised the Board that the Town tested all affected private wells in the area and no tests came back showing positive results. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the cesspool at 11 Thayer Street was compromised during the break and she has issued an order to connect to town sewer since it is available in the street.

Ms. Terry advised the Board that the latest round of tobacco compliance checks were completed by the Worcester Regional Tobacco Coalition (WRTCC). The WRTCC reported that 95% of the establishments that were visited were in compliance during these inspections. Ms. Terry will send a letter of compliance to all complying establishments as well as a letter of non-compliance & \$100.00 fine to the establishment that sold cigarettes to a minor.

The next Board of Health meeting was not scheduled at this time as Ms. Terry will be out of the office on maternity leave.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean