



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, August 9, 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 April 12, 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

Ms. Terry advised the Board that Matt Armendo who served as the Temporary Health Inspector while she was out of the office will stay on through the month of November.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the possibility of changing the tobacco regulations in order to encompass some of the new nicotine products that are currently being sold. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the Worcester Regional Tobacco Coalition (WRTCC) has also asked us to think about possibly making some restrictions (i.e., time, place, and manner) or creating a permit cap.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed recent housing issues that have come up at different properties in town that are owned by the same landlords. Ms. Terry would like to see if she could bring problematic landlords before the Board in a way to be proactive instead of reactive.

Ms. Terry advised the Board that we now have a new Board of Selectmen Liaison, Aaron Hutchins.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the recent food inspections that were performed by Matt Armendo. There were some outstanding issues reported and Matt will be in town on Monday performing re-inspections.

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Ms. Alane Wanda of 5 Gristmill Lane appeared before the Board to discuss her request for a well variance. Ms. Wanda is interested in having an irrigation well installed on her property and is currently unable to maintain the required setback from the public way (Gristmill Lane). Chairman Glenn French made a motion to grant the variance request, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy of 170 Whitney Street appeared before the Board to discuss his request for a well variance. Mr. McCarthy is interested in having an irrigation well installed on his property and is currently unable to maintain the required setback from property line (35' required, 8' provided) and setback from the public way (Whitney Street; 50' required, 40' provided). Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the proposed site. Chairman Glenn French has some concern over the 8' setback from the neighboring property line and would like to see Mr. McCarthy place the irrigation well closer to the driveway if it is at all possible in order to maximize the distance. Ideally the Board would like to see 20' or so offset from the neighboring property line. The Board suggested moving the proposed location to the North side of the driveway as possibly being one solution. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow Ms. Terry to work with the homeowner outside of a meeting to find a suitable location for the proposed irrigation well, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed future well variances for property line offsets. The Board has some concern over this matter as it could potentially be an issue for abutters and are requesting proof of notification to any of the neighbors that could potentially be affected by this.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the variance request at 145 Church Street – offset to wetlands (100' required, 65' provided). Ms. Terry and the Board discussed how this was the most protective location and how the request does meet Title 5. Ms. Terry informed the Board that this must also go before the conservation commission for approval. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to grant the variance request, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean