



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 held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in Conference Room B of the Northborough Town offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Glenn French.

Due to continued non-compliance The New Great Wall of 259 West Main Street appeared before the Board tonight for a revocation hearing. This revocation hearing is based the most recent critical violations that were found during an unannounced inspection performed by Jamie Terry on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. The Board requested Ms. Terry state the facts of the inspection results from Wednesday, May 30, 2012. Ms. Terry read the inspection results and reported finding critical violations such as food out of temperature in the "Coke cooler", as well as issues with the sanitizer strength in the dishwasher reading well below 50-100ppm. As a result of these critical violations Ms. Terry ordered the restaurant closed at that time.

Chairman Glenn French asked if the owners of the establishment were contesting the violations that were found, Dr. Sam Wong of MD Consulting was in attendance at tonight's meeting representing the owners of the establishment and stated that they were not contesting the violations cited against them, however indicated that the first two critical violations listed are related to the same cooler and he would expect that the temperature in the cooler would fluctuate by the door opening and closing. Dr. Wong stated that the cooler is next on the list to be changed out, and the owners are committed to replace the cooler immediately. As for the sanitizer strength Dr. Wong stated that it is his understanding that the dish machine hadn't been run that day as business has been slow and perhaps the paper was giving false readings. Ms. Terry informed Dr. Wong that she used three different test strips and all three showed under 50ppm which is inadequate.

Ms. Terry and the Board also discussed the validity of the temperature log sheets as Ms. Terry reported that the log sheet appeared to be filled out prematurely on the day she conducted her inspection. Also, Ms. Terry reports that temperatures appear to be consistent, with no real fluctuations reported. The Board showed concern over this as refrigerators are expected to fluctuate a few degrees warmer or cooler as they maintain an average temperature. Chairman Glenn French said that it would appear as though the log is not being kept accurately and that it is just being filled in. The system itself isn't faulty;

the users of the system are faulty. Citing that if the logs were properly kept it would have indicated improper food temperatures and sanitizer strengths. Chairman Glenn French stated that he now has no confidence in this restaurant.

At the last regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting The Board voted 2 – 1 to allow the establishment to remain open with the understanding that it would be closed and face a revocation hearing if any critical violations were observed by Ms. Terry. The Board was clear that this would be the last and final opportunity to achieve and maintain compliance.

Based on the history of this establishment and the findings identified by Ms. Terry it is clear that critical violations did exist, and those violations did pose an imminent health risk to patrons. Continued non-compliance has resulted in the Board holding a revocation hearing tonight. Chairman Glenn French stated that it's been a long time coming, it's not a surprise, and they had their chance. French went on to say that the owners of the establishment had their chance, they had an opportunity and they blew it.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to revoke the food permit for the New Great Wall; Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Deirdre O'Connor stated that public health is to benefit of the greatest number of people and she finds this really regrettable that the Board had to do this.

Chairman Glenn French stated that trying to accommodate businesses because businesses are important for the town to grow, he now feels that this is not the restaurant for the Town of Northborough.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Jean