



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Northborough Town offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Chairman Glenn French.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2013 meeting as read, Deirdre O'Connor seconded and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the April 9, 2013 minutes as read, Dilip Jain seconded and Deirdre O'Connor abstained due to absence.

Ms. Tina Grosowsky of the Central Mass Tobacco Free Community Partnership (CMTFCP) appeared before the Board tonight to present members of the ex-smokers hall of fame. Appearing before the Board tonight were Ruth Cohen (smoker for 20 years, non-smoker for 44 Years), Christopher Woodcock (smoker for 42 years, non-smoker for 6 years, and Brenda White (smoker for 20 years, non-smoker for 8 years). Also inducted into the ex-smokers hall of fame tonight was Maggie Harling (smoker for 26 years, non-smoker for 19 years). The Board thanked Ms. Grosowsky and the individuals who presented their personal stories tonight.

6:30 PM - Restaurant hearing for Freshway Pizza located at 14 East Main Street.

Ms. Terry and the Board reviewed the inspection report dated April 8, 2013 and discussed the critical violations that were observed. Ms. Terry informed the Board that a re-inspection of the establishment occurred on Monday, May 13, 2013, and almost all of the violations were corrected however there was still room for improvement. Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the issues with general cleanliness and an issue with the hand sink. Ms. Terry reports that every time she visits the establishment the hand sink is not accessible. The Board is concerned about the violations found as many of them are basic food safety practices. The Board would like to see the establishment offer all of their employees in-service training on proper hand washing techniques. Mike Joudi of Freshway Pizza thanked the Board for their time and assured the Board that the hand sink will be made accessible at all times.

6:45 PM - Burger King Variance Request

Sharon Monteiro of Burger King located at 1102 Shops Way appeared before the Board tonight to request a variance from the Food Code Regulation; time control vs. temperature control for items such as lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo, cheese, bacon, etc. (Items to be put on a hot sandwich). Ms. Monteiro explained that Burger King

makes efforts to maintain temperatures at or below 41° but find it hard to do so with these specific sandwich topping items, therefore the variance was proposed. Ms. Terry informed the Board that this establishment maintains very strict time logs and has time control measures already in place. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow the variance as requested, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

7:00 PM - 318 Main Street

Bill Depietri of Capital Group Properties & Mike Sullivan of Cornerstone Engineering appeared before the Board tonight to informally discuss Post Road Marketplace located at 318 Main street. Mr. Depietri explained to the Board that he currently has a prospective tenant for the now vacant restaurant space and the would like to be able to expand the seating from 125 to 200. Mike Sullivan informed the Board that the septic capacity at this time does not allow for such expansion and they were looking to see if the Board would allow the addition of one (1) additional leach area in addition to the existing leach field. Mike Sullivan explained to the Board that this idea was purely conceptual at this time as they will also need to seek ZBA approval due to groundwater restrictions. Ms. Terry informed the Board that this idea is normally not recommended, nor usually entertained. However, this is something that it is allowed by code. Ms. Terry and the Board agreed that this is a very unique situation as this septic system is seven (7) years old, but has not been used to full capacity at any time given different vacancies in the plaza. Ms. Terry and the Board informally agreed that this would be an acceptable idea and have no major concern with it given the age and use.

7:15 PM - Lot 4B Newton Street

Mr. Mohamad Ziad Ramadan appeared before the Board tonight to formally request a variance from local well regulations for lot #4B Newton Street. Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the issue at hand and reviewed the letter from the conservation commission. Chairman Glenn French recused himself from this as he is an abutter of the lot in question. Ms. Terry informed the Board that this is location appears most protective of the wetland. Ms. Terry mentioned that Mr. Ramadan has already received approval from the conservation commission and suggested that this appears to be the less intrusive option seeing how this was an approved lot prior to the new regulations going in to effect. Ms. Terry thought that the Board would be remiss and hard-pressed to go against the way we have been guided. Deirdre O'Connor made a motion to grant the variance request involving wetlands (100' required, 58' provided), Dilip Jain seconded the motion.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that as of today we have not received the draft tobacco regulations back from town counsel. Once the draft regulations are received they will be reviewed and possibly adopted by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the state of New York banning the sale of cigarettes to those individuals younger than age 21.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the recent food inspections that were completed.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed a recent inspection that was performed at Zem Han. Ms. Terry informed the Board that critical violations were found similar to the inspection January 29, 2013. The Board of Health has concern about the critical violations that were found at this establishment and requested that they appear before the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean