



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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Glenn French

Deirdre O'Connor

Jamie Terry, Board of Health Agent

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 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 approval of the August 13, 2013 minutes was postponed until all members of the Board can be present.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the monthly bacteriological testing that was submitted for frozen yogurt/soft serve machines located at two establishments in town. Ms. Terry informed the Board that levels came back indicating high coliform at both establishments, the reasoning behind this could be due to temperature change issues, overall maintenance and cleanliness of the machine, or just the machine itself. Ms. Terry reports that she has been in contact with both establishments and machines in question were shut down, cleaned and sanitized. Machines were then retested as required to meet the standards in 105 CMR 561.007(G)(3).

6:15 PM - 19 Chestnut Hill Road

Elias Richardson of Richardson Wells & Pumps appeared before the Board tonight to discuss the request for variances from Local Well Regulations. Mr. Richardson informed the Board that he is looking to install an irrigation well on the property and at this time he is seeking a variance from the public or private way, common drive, roadway easement, parking lot (minimum distance required 50', 13' provided), and a variance from the offset to leaching facility (minimum distance required 100', 80' provided). Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the options for this lot. The Board inquired as to if there will be a salt concern seeing how this location is close to Chestnut Hill Road. Mr. Richardson informed the Board that he will provide extra casing, and he will also be grouting the casing for extra protection.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow a variance request; offset to public or private way, common drive, roadway easement, parking lot (minimum distance required 50', 13' provided), and offset to leaching facility (minimum distance required 100', 80' provided). Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Aaron Hutchins, Liaison to the Northborough Board of Selectmen addressed the Board tonight, thanking them for their service and the good work that they do. Mr. Hutchins asked the Board if there was anything they wanted brought back to the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Terry asked what could be done in regards to the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) once again housing families at local motels. Mr. Hutchins informed Ms. Terry that the police chief would be bringing forward legislation regarding the matter.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the recent food inspections that were completed; no outstanding issues were reported.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that a fire occurred at Wegmans on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Ms. Terry said that the fire which started in the Asian food prep section caused entire store to close for approximately one hour. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the non-perishable and pharmacy departments were allowed to re-open, however the prepared foods section remained closed for quite some time.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) program that has once again placed numerous homeless families at the Econolodge located at 380 Southwest Cutoff. Ms. Terry informed the Board that she has already received complaints regarding some of the rooms and that Town staff has already held a meeting with the owner in which they were asked to hold themselves to a higher standard especially where it relates to the general sanitation practices at the motel.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean