



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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Glenn French

Dilip Jain

Deirdre O'Connor

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 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.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the April 15, 2014 meeting minutes as read, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Deirdre O'Connor made a motion to approve the May 13, 2014 meeting minutes as read, Dilip Jain seconded the motion with Glenn French abstaining due to absence.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to approve the July 15, 2014 meeting minutes as read, Dilip Jain seconded the motion with Deirdre O'Connor abstaining due to absence.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the most recent food inspections that have been completed by Mr. Fisher who has been covering for her over the last couple of months. Ms. Terry indicated that Guiseppe's and JJ's have both recently had some outstanding issues that the Board may need to take further action on. Ms. Terry advised the Board that Mr. Fisher will follow-up on these issues and report back to her.

6:20 PM - Review of Tobacco Rules & Regulations

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed altering the legal age to purchase tobacco products in the Town of Northborough. The concern is that a high percentage of all smokers begin the habit before they turn 21 as the young brain is more susceptible to nicotine addiction. The Board of Health decided to move forward with the discussion on raising the tobacco purchasing age from 18 to 21. Ms. Terry will draft revised regulations and e-mail them to the Board members for their review. Ms. Terry believed that a public hearing would be scheduled for either December 2014 or January 2015.

6:30 PM - General Discussion of the 2009 Food Code

Ms. Terry informed the Board that she was recently asked to have the Board review the 2009 Food Code. Today, the Town is operating under the 1999 Food Code and Ms.

Terry informed the Board that the issue Wegmans is having has to do with foods in hot holding. Currently, under the 1999 Food Code foods in hot holding should be kept at a temperature of at least 140° (the 2009 Food Code requires 135°).

Ms. Terry states that Wegmans staff has asked if the Board would consider the following items:

1. Granting a variance to allow the store to maintain a hot holding temperature of 135°
2. Adopting the 2009 Food Code to be current with the changing schools of thought on various sections of the Federal Food Code
3. Not writing up a violation if the hot holding temperature is between 135° - 140° during an inspection.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that the standard is 135° in every other State and it is her feeling that the number needs to be uniform across the entire community. Since the State of Massachusetts has not adopted the 2009 Food Code at this time Ms. Terry advised Wegmans staff to push the State for a code change. At this time the Board is in agreement that they will not issue an individual variance to Wegmans, and they will not look the other way when the hot holding temperature is less than 140°. The Board informed Ms. Terry that they are willing to review and consider moving forward with adopting the 2009 Food Code. Ms. Terry believes the changes that have been made are minor in nature and she will gather the appropriate information for the Board to review at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that they would be receiving invitations to the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund Advisory Board Kick-off event to be held on Friday, November 21, 2014 from 7:30AM- 9AM at the Metrowest YMCA located in Framingham.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that she is in regular contact with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the Ebola Virus along with the Enterovirus D68.

The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 6PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean