



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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Glenn French

Dilip Jain

Deirdre O'Connor

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 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 January 13, 2015 meeting minutes as recorded, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

6:25 PM - New Business

Recently a concerned citizen asked Ms. Terry to speak with the Board of Health about creating and imposing new bodywork regulations in the Town of Northborough. The concern was that unregulated businesses could harbor prostitution and human trafficking. Ms. Terry informed the Board that bodywork regulations would cover a largely unregulated industry offering a range of services such as Asian bodywork, reflexology and acupuncture/acupressure that do not currently come under any state oversight. Regulations would hold establishments and therapists to minimum regulations and subject each to inspections. Ms. Terry states that currently there are two establishments in town and the Board feel as though regulations are not necessary at this time.

6:40 PM - 17 Coolidge Circle

Mark Farrell of Greenhill Engineering did not appear before the Board tonight regarding 17 Coolidge Circle. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the current septic system is in failure and in need of repair and they are seeking a variance from Local BOH regulations; offset to wetlands (100' required, 54' provided). Ms. Terry and the Board discussed how this is the most protective placement for the new system and that it is appropriate to move forward and approve the current plan as is. Ms. Terry indicated that Conservation may ask the Engineer to move the system due to the proximity of the wetlands. The Board of Health felt strongly that requiring the system to be pushed further up into the tree line with cause undue financial hardship for the homeowner creating the need for a pump and a great deal of tree removal.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow the requested variance contingent upon Conservation Commission approval, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous

6:45 PM - Sterling Court Estates

Scott Miller of Stirrup Brook, LLC and Jesse Johnson of David E. Ross Associates appeared before the Board tonight to have an informal discussion with the Board regarding two of the newly proposed house lots in the Sterling Court Estates subdivision. Mr. Miller states that specifically they are seeking relief from the 25' property line setback requirement for the new septic systems on lot 3 and lot 4. Mr. Miller stated that this relief will help to accommodate future homeowners with a better siting of the new homes. Mr. Miller informed the Board that there have been two town owned catch basins discharging on to this land for numerous years. Mr. Miller and Mr. Johnson spoke of the proposed detention basin on these two particular lots to correct the discharge issue. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the Town of Northborough will maintain this detention basin and access it through an open space and drainage easement that has been created. Mr. Miller informed the Board that if the requested variance is approved it will allow him the ability to move forward and continue to work with the DPW Director to achieve a reasonable situation for the future homeowners. Ms. Terry stated that she spoke with Mr. Nason, DPW Director, and he would like the Board to consider approving the request as it will help to create a buffer for the detention basin and help to keep it protected. Ms. Terry informed the Board that this is a unique situation to some extent and has some concern about setting precedent for new construction. Ms. Terry states that the request does meet Title V regulations and there are no private well concerns as all of these lots are going to be served by town water. The Board agreed that this is a reasonable request to a unique situation and requested that Mr. Miller move forward and submit plans for a formal review.

7:20 Review of Tobacco Rules & Regulations

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed altering the legal age to purchase tobacco products in the Town of Northborough. Ms. Terry and the Board agreed that a public hearing will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2015. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the legal notice will most likely run on March 31, 2015 & April 7, 2015 in the Telegram and Gazette. Ms. Terry indicated that she will also send information out to all tobacco license holders as well as all Town Boards and Committees through their staff liaison.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the most recent food inspections and no outstanding issues were reported at this time.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed increasing the current three member board to a five member board. Currently the Board of Health is one of two boards left that are served by a three member board. All members of the Board are in agreement to change to a five member board. Ms. Terry will inform the Town Administrator of this

decision and it will most likely go on the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for consideration.

Ms. O'Connor requested the VNA list of the 2014 communicable diseases, Ms. Terry will send this information out to all the Board members.

Ms. Terry informed Dr. Jain that he is up for reappointment this year and he confirmed his interest in being reappointed.

Ms. Terry informed Ms. O'Connor that she needs to complete the conflict of interest training and provide her with the certificate.

Ms. Terry informed Mr. French that he needs to provide her with the conflict of interest training certificate.

The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean