



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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Deirdre O'Connor

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, June 9, 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 April 14, 2015 meeting minutes as recorded, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the current openings for the Board of Health. Ms. Terry informed the Board that she has received three resumes to date and the deadline to apply is Friday, June 12, 2015.

6:15 PM - 8 West Street

Connorstone Engineering did not appear before the Board at tonight's meeting regarding the septic system repair/upgrade at 8 West Street. Ms. Terry and the Board reviewed the proposed plan. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the current septic system is failing and they are seeking a variance from Local BOH regulations; foundation offset to SAS (20' required, 6' provided), SAS offset to property line (10' required, 6' provided), SAS offset to bedrock (4' required, 3' provided). Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow the requested variances contingent upon verifying that proper notification was made to all abutters and verifying that water service is not within 10', Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

6:35 PM - Athens Pizza

Mr. Beshoy Geris of Athens Pizza located at 292 Main Street appeared before the Board tonight for a restaurant hearing to review the inspection dated June 4, 2015. Ms. Terry informed the Board that this inspection was completed after receiving an anonymous complaint from a customer. Ms. Terry stated that the complaint included the following items; no gloves, no hat/hairnet, cooler covers open for an extended period of time with bugs on the floor behind the counter. There were also concerns

raised about potential cross-contamination issues. Ms. Terry and the Board reviewed the inspection report and pictures from June 4, 2015, as well as previous inspection reports for this establishment.

Ms. Terry informed the Board that she has concerns regarding all of the violations that were found at this establishment; specifically handwashing practices and the general overall cleanliness of the establishment. Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the importance of handwashing; focusing on accessibility of the handwashing sink and frequency of handwashing. Ms. Terry reported that cross contamination issues did exist within the deli unit as many different food items were strewn throughout the deli unit at the time of the inspection. Items in this unit must be kept separate. Additionally, it must be kept clean all the times. Ms. Terry noted that the temperature at the top of the unit was 55 degrees, bottom of the unit was 38 degrees. Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the possibility of having Mr. Geris switch out the plastic storage bins for metal storage bins as they will hold the cold longer. Ms. Terry also stressed that rags are to be stored in a sanitizing solution at all times.

Mr. Geris spoke to the Board and indicated that Ms. Terry inspected the restaurant during the lunch hour which is a very busy time for him and he is generally alone at the establishment as he is currently shorthanded. The Board stressed the need for the restaurant to be clean at all times even when he is busy and short staffed. While the Board recognizes the fact that it's hard to find good help; ultimately the responsibility to meet the Food Code and prepare food safely lies with the owner of the of the restaurant and no one else.

Ms. Terry reported that she did complete a re-inspection on June 5, 2015 and many of the violations were corrected. However the overall general cleanliness of the establishment is a definite concern as there is an accumulation of dirt and grime throughout. The Board discussed the importance of sanitation and orderliness of all equipment, supplies, and utensils. Ms. Terry indicated that this establishment is in need of a thorough cleaning - floor to ceiling, front to back. Once this is done, it needs to be maintained every day to get the establishment to a safer place to be better able to serve customers.

Mr. Geris indicated that he understands that this is his responsibility as a restaurant owner and offered to clean the restaurant himself. Ms. Terry and the Board feel that this is an overwhelming task for one person to accomplish on their own. Ultimately, the Board would like to see Mr. Geris hire a professional cleaning company to come in and thoroughly clean the establishment and get it to where it needs to be. Mr. Geris offered to close the establishment on Sunday, June 14, 2015, and clean it himself. The Board discussed the options with Mr. Geris and even though they would like to see a professional company in there they do understand that cost could be an issue.

Chairman Glenn French made a motion to order Mr. Geris to obtain a couple of quotes from professional cleaning companies - if quotes come back \$500.00 or less a professional cleaning is ordered as there is concern that he won't be able to do it all

himself. All quotes are required to be obtained by 4PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. If quotes come back over \$500.00 the Board will allow Mr. Geris to shut down for one day and thoroughly clean the establishment himself and stressed that if Ms. Terry finds one thing wrong during a re-inspection a professional cleaning would then be required, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

7:30 PM - Consideration of Abatement - 21 Kerry Craig Circle.

Ms. Terry and the Board discussed the request for an abatement of septic fees paid in 2011 by Marsha & Robert Page of 21 Kerry Craig Circle. Ms. Terry indicated that there is no indication that this septic system was ever in failure. It was simply the owners intention to move forward with putting in a new septic system prior to listing the property for sale. Circumstances have changed since 2011 and the Page's intend on remaining in the home. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow the abatement of septic fees in the amount of \$675.00, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

7:32 PM - 120-122 Ridge Road

Greenhill Engineering did not appear before the Board tonight to discuss the septic system repair/upgrade at 120-122 Ridge Road. Ms. Terry and the Board reviewed the plan that was submitted to the office for review. Ms. Terry informed the Board that the current septic system is in failure and they are seeking a variance from Local BOH regulations; variance request local regulation offset to wetland (100' required, 55' provided). Ms. Terry and the Board discussed how this complies with Title V. Ms. Terry informed the Board that this has not yet gone before the Conservation Commission as of yet as they are meeting on June 15, 2015. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to allow the requested variance pending Conservation Commission approval, Deirdre O'Connor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

7:35 PM - Final tobacco regulation review and vote

Ms. Terry and the Board conducted the final tobacco regulation review and reviewed all recommendations from Town Counsel. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to adopt these new regulations, to go in to effect on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, Dilip Jain seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jean