



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn French, Dilip Jain, Swati Sane, Tina Hill  
ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bacon - Health Agent, Sarah Jean - Administrative Assistant

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 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 March 8, 2016 meeting minutes as recorded, Dilip Jain seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dilip Jain made a motion to approve the May 3, 2016 meeting minutes as recorded, Tina Hill seconded, 3 - 1 vote with Glenn French abstaining due to absence.

### ***Green Street neighbors composting issues***

Ms. Bacon informed the Board that the Green Street neighbors have cancelled their request to appear before the Board of Health.

Ms. Bacon informed the Board that she attended a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) odor seminar on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 which she found helpful to this particular situation. She described a compost odor wheel schematic used to detail odor characteristics and discussed intensities.

Ms. Bacon reports that she has received Davidian Brothers Farm new composting registration from the State and it will expire in March of 2017. Ms. Bacon and the Board discussed how there are 54 composting operations currently permitted in the State of Massachusetts. She stated she knew of one other community, the Town of Middleboro, which is also troubled by composting odors. Ms. Bacon informed the Board that clear, calm, cool days can produce significant odor situations as well as bowled depressions where odor can sit. Ms. Bacon informed the Board that she will continue to respond to the complaints she receives regarding trash and for reasons of odor verification. A log will be kept for any complaints brought before the Health Department.

### ***Amy Capuano and Guisepe's Restaurant***

No one from the establishment appeared before the Board tonight to discuss the status of the 2016 renewal. Ms. Bacon informed the Board that we are currently waiting on a choke-save certificate to complete the yearly renewal. Ms. Bacon reported that she will follow-up on this matter with the owner of the establishment.

### ***BOH appointment of one person to the Groundwater Advisory Committee***

Ms. Bacon reports that the Groundwater Advisory Committee consists of five members, one each appointed by the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen and the Water & Sewer Commission for indefinite terms. Ms. Bacon reports that Ms. O'Connor was previously the BOH representative and we are now in need of a new representative. After some discussion Ms. Hill is willing to be the BOH representative, and will attend the Groundwater Advisory Committee meetings after the regularly scheduled Board of Health meetings.

***Board discussion on amending local septic regulations***

Ms. Bacon and the Board discussed amending the local septic regulations regarding 25' to sideline setback for new construction in the RC zones where lots consist of 20,000 square feet. Ms. Bacon would like to reduce the setback from 25' to 10' which is consistent with Title 5 Regulations. Chairman Glenn French made a motion to amend the local septic regulations, Dilip Jain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. These proposed changes to the local regulations require a public hearing which Ms. Bacon will advertise for.

***Establish future meeting date***

The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Jean