



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dilip Jain, Glenn French, Tina Hill and Swati Sane

ALSO PRESENT:

Town: Stephanie Bacon - Health Agent, David Parenti- Fire Chief, Katie Holt-
Administrative Assistant to Health Department

Tradebe: Tita LaGrimas, Kirk McCracken, Shauna Lake

MADEP: Richard Blanchet

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 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.

6:00 PM Meeting Notes Review

Glenn French made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2017. Motion was seconded by Dilip Jain, all in favor.

6:15 Tradebe Discussion

Tita LaGrimas and Shauna Lake of Tradebe presented a PowerPoint describing the company's history and their intentions for the property located at 345 West Main Street. The site currently holds a RCRA permit for 11 waste codes consisting of combined hazardous wastes such as oil, water and gas. Tradebe's intention is to modify their Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit under the EPA, to now operate as a five day transfer station. Under this permit, the EPA requires proper treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous wastes. Above ground storage tanks existing on the site have been decommissioned and need to go through the proper closure process before being removed. The Underground Storage Tanks have already been removed from the property. As required under RCRA regulation, Tradebe has set money aside for proper closure processes.

The proposed transfer facility would only allow for waste to be stored on the premises for a maximum of 5 days. MADEP would need to permit this operation for 552 additional waste codes. The operation would mainly consist of sorting and sending waste to destinations where waste can be properly treated and disposed of. In describing the steps of the proposed operation, Shauna Lake stated that Tradebe first confirms that they are permitted to handle a specific waste, then will send out chemists to places of pick-up such as labs and universities. The chemists would then determine how the different categories of chemicals need to be sorted, ensure they are properly packed in DOT approved containers and finally place these waste containers onto a truck, which would then arrive at 345 West Main Street in Northborough. Once in Northborough, compatible waste code containers would be placed onto a larger truck for delivery to a waste treatment and disposal facility. Tita LaGrimas stressed that all wastes delivered to the Northborough site, would remain in their sealed, DOT approved containers. The Health Agent questioned

whether or not they have plans for a spill containment system. Tita LaGrimas showed a slide of a proposed covered containment area, comprised of a concrete base which was treated with an impervious epoxy resin coating. This is where they intend to move waste from the smaller trucks onto the larger trucks. Tita LaGrimas stated that daily logs would be kept on site, listing every type of waste that is trucked in, along with the date the shipment was received in Northborough. Once the 5 day limit has been reached, the truck must leave the site for delivery to a waste treatment and disposal facility. Shauna Lake stated that Tradebe has a history of zero reportable spills. As a measure of preparedness, Tradebe practices “mock spills” so that all employees know their role in an emergency situation. The Fire Department has the right to require Tradebe to have certain extinguishing systems on-site.

Tita LaGrimas noted that all drivers are highly trained, skilled, and all hold a commercial driver’s license. She stated that Tradebe hires locally and provides training to their employees including DOT, RCRA, 40 hours of Hazwoper and OSHA training. Tita LaGrimas estimated that approximately 5-6 trucks would be going in and out of the facility in a given day. She imagines that there would be 2 smaller trucks and 2 larger trucks. She also estimated that about 6 employees would be on-site working. Tradebe mainly services universities and manufacturers. They are hoping to service pharmaceutical companies as an expansion of their business. Currently, the site at 345 West Main Street is only permitted for 11 waste codes and is looking to expand this to 552 waste codes. Tita LaGrimas assured the Board that while she understands their concern, she has been with Tradebe for 30 years and believes that the risk for the Northborough facility would be minimal. She reiterated the fact that the operation they are proposing is simply moving chemicals from truck to truck. The Board Members discussed concerns with traffic, public safety and suggested that Tradebe should provide them with a list of all of the potential chemicals that would be on-site. The Board Members decided that there would need to be further discussion on the matter, and agreed to discuss the next steps to be taken with other staff members.

Establish future meeting date

The next Board of Health meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM by Glenn French, seconded by Swati Sane, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Holt