



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dilip Jain, Glenn French, Tina Hill and Swati Sane  
ALSO PRESENT: Wayne Belec, on behalf of WDA Design Group  
Town: Casey Mellin - Health Agent, Katie Holt- Administrative Assistant to Health Department  
Northborough Residents: Patricia Kress, Joanne Krause, Paul Krause, Brian Smith, and Julianne Hirsh

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in the Selectman's Meeting Room of the Northborough Town Offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Glenn French.

## ***6:00 PM Health Agent Update***

Casey Mellin - Health Agent, provided the Board of Health members with an update on current issues. Mr. Mellin mentioned that The Clambox is now open at 14 East Main Street, and is dealing with dumpster issues. Mr. Mellin also mentioned that there have been about four or five septic systems to be reviewed each week, and that he is doing a lot of work with grease trap maintenance, specifically with restaurants on West Main Street. Mr. Mellin recently made some changes to the Health Department's website in an effort to streamline the information that is provided.

## ***6:04 Request for Variance - 261 Main Street***

On behalf of WDA Design Group, Wayne Belec requested a variance to extend the installation deadline for the septic system at 261 Main Street. The deadline to install is 09/22/2018. The 06/12/18 request for an extension was the second request for an extension, as WDA Design Group had yet to find a buyer for the property. Glenn French stated that there is no hardship presented to the applicant by denying the request for an extension, and that no variances would need to be sought out in the future when WDA Design Group re-applies for this septic permit. WDA Design Group will be required to re-apply, and the permit will be valid for two years after issuance. Glenn French moved to deny the variance to extend the installation deadline, with the understanding that it can be re-applied for without additional variances. This motion was seconded by Dilip Jain, all in favor. Mr. Belec thanked the Board of Health members and left the meeting.

## ***6:17 Public Hearing Process Review***

Casey Mellin confirmed that the Tradebe Public Hearing has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Glenn French explained that the public hearing is open to the public and that a hearing officer has been hired to keep the meeting running in a productive and professional manner. Mr. French also explained that the meeting will give Board Members and the public more information on Tradebe's intentions for 345 West Main Street and that no decisions will be made at the July 10 meeting. Resident

Paul Krause asked for more information regarding the process of the meeting. Glenn French explained that the meeting will start as a regular Board of Health meeting where the previous meeting's minutes are approved or amended, and then the Hearing Officer will take over. The order in which different parties present will be up to the Hearing Officer. Resident Joanne Krause asked if neighbors will be able to speak and if they are permitted to put on a presentation with slides. Casey Mellin confirmed that they will be allowed to speak and that it would be up to the Hearing Officer to determine whether or not presentations are allowed.

Resident Paul Krause asked for clarification on how abutters will be notified. Casey Mellin confirmed that although it's not required to do so, the Town would be notifying abutters. Resident Joanne Krause asked if MassDEP will be present at the July 10 Public Hearing. Casey Mellin responded that they may be, but are not required to attend. Mr. Mellin also explained that MassDEP is the issuing body for Tradebe's request and that the Board of Health is strictly looking at whether or not that location can handle their proposed activities from a Board of Health point of view. Resident Patricia Kress asked if the Board of Health members would be touring 345 West Main Street prior to the Public Hearing. Glenn French stated that no, this was not a requirement and that the Board Members are already aware of the layout of the site. Resident Julianne Hirsh asked the Board Members if they could tell her the guidelines by which they'd be making their decisions. Glenn French said that there is a criteria provided by Town Counsel, and reiterated that the Board Members are not experts on the waste codes, which is why the hearing is taking place. The experts are being called in and the information that they present is what will help the Board Members make their decision.

A conversation continued regarding various concerns such as idling trucks, air quality, noise, potential spills and groundwater. Glenn French confirmed that all of these concerns should be brought up at the public hearing on July 10.

### ***6:36 Meeting Notes Review***

Glenn French made a motion to approve the April 10, 2018 minutes as recorded. Dilip Jain seconded this motion, all in favor.

### ***Establish future meeting date***

The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled for July 10, 2018.

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM by Glenn French, seconded by Dilip Jain, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Holt