



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dilip Jain, Glenn French, and Tina Hill
Town: Casey Mellin - Health Agent, Katie Holt- Admin to Health Dept.
Northborough Residents: Jeanne Cahill, Janet Cason, Karen Weiner, Mitch Cohen,
Julianne Hirsh, Susan Stasaitis, Michael Pannell, James H Vauder Poel
Other: Mike Sullivan (Connorstone Engineering)

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 in the Selectman's Meeting Room of the Northborough Town Offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Glenn French.

6:11 - 47 Cherry Street - well variances

A well variance was requested by Michael Sullivan of Connorstone Engineering on behalf of the owners at 47 Cherry Street. While the proposed septic meets all regulations, it is impossible to meet all of the well regulations. Mr. Sullivan was seeking a variance so that the well can be 31 feet from the property line, instead of the required 35 feet. Mr. Sullivan was also seeking a variance allowing the well to be 36 feet from the street, instead of the required 50 feet. Glenn French moved to approve both of these variances, Dilip Jain seconded, all in favor.

6:22 - Letter to Governor re: gas pipeline concerns

Resident Janet Cason expressed her concerns regarding gas pipelines and the effects on the environment. Ms. Cason and Jeanne Cahill had previously approached the Board of Health in April 2018 asking the board members to write a letter to Charlie Baker on the matter. Ms. Cason and Ms. Cahill reiterated their concerns and urged the Board of Health to be pro-active in keeping new gas lines out of Northborough. Resident Karen Weiner was in attendance to share her recent experience involving a gas leak at her home in Northborough. Ms. Weiner stated that people could smell gas when passing her home, so she called Eversource. Eversource told her that someone would be out by the end of the week to investigate but she was not comfortable waiting so she reached out to the Northborough Fire Department, who came right out to investigate. Ms. Weiner felt that the involvement of Northborough Fire Department helped in terms of remedying the situation more quickly with Eversource. Ms. Cason and Ms. Cahill pointed out that they feel this is the type of advocating which is needed by Town Officials to make a difference on a town level. Conversation continued regarding the subject matter but no decisions were made.

7:06 - Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the July 10, 2018 meeting were approved as recorded aside from including the withdrawal letter from Tradebe that was read at the meeting. Glenn French moved to include the withdrawal letter from Tradebe, seconded by Dilip Jain, all in favor.

Glenn French moved to approve the August 14, 2018 meeting minutes as recorded, seconded by Dilip Jain, all in favor.

7:10 - Brief Update from Health Agent

Health Agent, Casey Mellin, provided the Board Members with a brief update on the amount of complaints he has been receiving relating to Santo Anza. Some days, Mr. Mellin is receiving up to fifty complaints, and then the next day is quiet. Mr. Mellin noted that he smelled the odor from Santo Anza's farm on Hudson Street recently, so the odor appears to be reaching new areas of Town.

Establish future meeting date

The next Board of Health meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM by Glenn French, seconded by Dilip Jain, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Holt