



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: Casey Mellin - Health Agent, Katie Holt- Administrative Assistant to Health Department

Northborough Residents: Janet Cason, Jeanne Cahill and John Grenier

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, April 10, 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 Meeting Notes Review

Glenn French made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 minutes after replacing "Stephanie" with "Ms. Bacon" in four sentences. The motion was seconded by Dilip Jain, all in favor.

6:07 Introduction of Casey Mellin, Health Agent

Mr. Mellin shared a brief summary of his work history and listed the communities that he's worked in, including Woburn and most recently Dracut. Mr. Mellin expressed his excitement to be part of Northborough's Health Department - he began employment March 5, 2018. Mr. Mellin also provided the Board members with a brief update on the status of food inspections.

6:09 Janet Cason and Jeanne Cahill - Discussion of Northborough BOH signing onto a letter regarding gas pipelines

Janet Cason and Jeanne Cahill proposed that the Board of Health sign a letter written by the MAHB (Massachusetts Association of Health Boards) which expresses concerns regarding interstate gas pipelines. The intention is that the letter will be sent to Governor Charlie Baker with support of all of the towns that have agreed to sign the letter. Ms. Cason and Ms. Cahill presented a list of the towns that have already signed the letter.

A discussion of the importance of municipal concern regarding climate change continued. Ms. Cason and Ms. Cahill mentioned that there are risks of gas leaks which can cause health concerns and present exposure to carcinogens. The Board requested more scientific information before making a decision to sign the letter. Ms. Cason and Ms. Cahill agreed to submit more information and thanked the Board before leaving at 6:35.

6:36 John Grenier on behalf of Rashid Shaikh/ZHS Trust - Septic Variance Requested for 39-43 King Street

John Grenier requested a variance for the proposed septic at 39-43 King Street for an assisted living facility. Mr. Grenier requested that the offset to the front property

line be 10 feet instead of the required 25 feet. He noted that this proposed setback meets state code and is in compliance with Title 5 regulations. He gave the Board a brief description of how the system will be set up and how it will be vented. Glenn French motioned to approve the property setback reduction from 25 feet to 10 feet. Dilip Jain seconded the motion, all in favor.

Establish future meeting date

The next Board of Health meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Motion to adjourn at 7:11 PM by Glenn French, seconded by Dilip Jain, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Holt