

NORTH ATTLEBORO BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of
June 25, 2007 6:30 pm

In attendance: John Donohue Jr., Member; Susan Shaw, Member; Rob Casper, Agent and Anne Marie Fleming, Public Health Nurse

Visitors: Bill Romanicki (25-27 Dodge Ave.); Peter Kazis & Lisa McNally (208 Park Street); Nicholas Lyhourgos and Liz Carmody

Ms. Shaw opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

COMPLAINTS:

208 Park Street

Peter Kazis, landlord of 208 Park Street, introduced himself and informed the Board that he had taken care of the trash issues listed in the complaint and has been in touch with Mr. Davis about complying with all the violations he had listed. Mr. Kazis explained that he has had difficulty with the tenant gaining access to the apartment in order to complete certain of the repairs cited and was requesting an extension in the time allowed to complete the repairs from the Board.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to grant Mr. Kazis a two week extension on all five day violations pertaining to 208 Park Street, and a 30 day extension on any other violations. Ms. Shaw seconded. After some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

Tenant Lisa McNally explained to the Board that she had not refused the landlord access into her apartment, but rather asked him for 24 hour notice to do so.

25-27 Dodge Avenue

Mr. Bill Romanicki introduced himself and spoke on behalf of Mr. Rufo, owner of 25-27 Dodge Avenue. He informed the Board that a new septic system has been scheduled to be installed on the property and that a letter had been faxed to the Health Department that day confirming Donald Berndt/D. Berndt Sanitation and Excavation will be installing the septic system within the next three weeks. In the meantime, he also reported the failed cesspool there continues to be pumped twice a month in accordance with the Board's earlier request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION made by Ms. Shaw to accept the minutes of May 7, 2007. Mr. Donohue seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

MOTION made by Ms. Shaw to accept the minutes of June 11, 2007. Mr. Donohue seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

HEALTH NURSE'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2007 AND MAY 2007:

Ms. Fleming gave her nursing report of the months of April and May, and in discussion agreed to e-mail her list of meetings for those months to the Board Members.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to accept the Health Nurse's Monthly Report for April 2007. Ms. Shaw seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to accept the Health Nurse's Monthly Report for May 2007. Ms. Shaw seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

HEALTH AGENT'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2007:

Mr. Casper gave his report for the month of May and in discussion, reported that he has recently completed inspections of all nine schools and four of the swimming pools have also been inspected.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to accept the Health Agent's Monthly Report for May 2007. Ms. Shaw seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

HICKORY WOODS:

Mr. Casper stated that Kevin Joyce of Cedar Ridge Development will be doing several repairs of septic systems in Hickory Woods starting next week at no charge. The homeowners in some of the houses had incorporated a fourth bedroom when the systems were designed for a three bedroom house, which was not the fault of the engineer.

MEETINGS:

The Board scheduled the following meetings: July 9, July 30, August 13, and August 27, 2007. Each meeting will take place at the Electric Department at 6:30 PM.

SERVSAFE CERTIFICATIONS:

In discussion, Mr. Donohue offered to do up a letter to all Food Service Establishments and request their current ServSafe Certificates.

LICENSES:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to grant a Temporary Food license for the North Attleboro Firefighters Kid's Day from July 12 thru July 15, 2007 at Mason Field. Ms. Shaw seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to grant Temporary Food licenses for Fiesta Shows for Kid's Day from July 12 thru July 15, 2007 at Mason Field. Ms. Shaw seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to grant a Food Service, Milk & Cream license for Bertucci's Italian Restaurant at the Mall. Ms. Shaw seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

MOTION made by Ms. Shaw to grant a Disposal Works Installer license for George Kellum of Seekonk, MA. Mr. Donohue seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

LETTERS:

Signatory Authority

The members approved a letter written to the Town Accountant giving the authority to any of the three Board members to approve vouchers or bill schedules for payment as appropriate or necessary.

NAIL REGULATIONS:

The Board members signed the original copy of the Nail Salon Regulations that were approved at the June 11, 2007 meeting.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Ms. Fleming reported that Mr. Davis has made a request to Town Accountant Lisa Higgins for a transfer of \$3,937.65 from the Health Department's salaries budget to its office supply expense budget before the fiscal year ended. Mr. Donohue agreed to contact Ms. Higgins to follow up on the transfer.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE:

Mr. Donohue reported that he will be working with the Stormwater Committee as a Health Department representative and that he has agreed to do some required publicity for it on Cable TV.

CONTRACTOR ACCOUNTABILITY:

Ms. Shaw raised an ongoing concern for avoiding the type of errors previously noted in Mill River's Hickory Woods report with similar projects underway or anticipated in Town. Citing 4-bedroom homes built with 3-bedroom septic systems, perc tests conducted outside leaching areas, and etc., Ms. Shaw was interested in generally raising contractors' accountability and the BOH's control over them, lest the Town find itself in another Hickory Woods situation. The Members discussed the possibility of creating or enhancing BOH regulations to allow the Board to deny or withhold contractors' permit approvals until the same contractors resolved their existing problems with the Town over previously approved work. In the discussion, it was noted that Town Counsel has already advised that applicants seeking BOH permits for unrelated, future work cannot be penalized for poor prior work by denying them permits until unrelated prior problems are resolved. The Members continue to feel there should be some mechanism available to penalize those who don't perform their work correctly, similar to the provisions included the new nail salon regulation, and they will await Mr. Davis' return to further pursue the idea.

CHRISTINA ESTATES:

Ms. Shaw suggested the Board of Health conduct a site walk of Christina Estates with the Planning Board. In discussion, it was reported that some trees have been cleared in the proposed development before its roads have been completed and that the development has a trash pile with a destroyed trailer on it. It was agreed that the Members will discuss the matter again with Mr. Davis upon his return.

GIROUX ESTATES:

Whalen Engineering objected to paying for perc tests witnessed by Mill River Consulting at Mill River's fees because they had not been informed of those fees. Ms. Shaw suggested letters go out to any engineers and developers who may require the services of a consulting engineer for the Board regarding such fees.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to table discussion of old business until the July 9th Board meeting. Ms. Shaw seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

COMPLAINT LOG:

It was reported that Mr. Davis did attend district court with Town Counsel, Roger Ferris on June 13th to pursue 4 longstanding complaints at 967 Longview Drive, 180 Commonwealth Avenue, 145 Broad Street and 11 Summer Street. Only 1 of the complainants showed up, and Atty. Ferris will continue to pursue all 4.

BRISTOL-NORFOLK MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS:

Ms. Fleming reported that our regional Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) will meet again on June 27th to provide more orientation and training with respect to the MRC and further assist its volunteers to learn job action roles in a public health disaster.

ADJOURN:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. Seconded: Ms. Shaw. No discussion, motion passes 2-0.