

NORTH ATTLEBORO BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of
October 8, 2008 7:00 pm

In attendance: Don Bates, Chairman; John Donohue Jr., and Jonathan Maslen, Members; Agent, Robert Davis.

Visitors: Jennifer Tran from Nails Pro-Plus; Eric Berghman, Jesse Sheridan and Joe Coggeshall from Shovelheads

Chairman Donald Bates opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

LICENSES:

Jennifer Tran came before the Members to answer questions with respect to her application for a Manicurist license to work at Nails Pro-Plus at the Emerald Square Mall.

MOTION made by Mr. Maslen to grant a Manicurist license for Jennifer Tran to work at Nails Pro-Plus at the Emerald Square Mall. Seconded: Mr. Bates. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

MOTION made by Mr. Maslen to grant a Temporary Food license for the North Attleboro Park & Recreation for Halloween in the Park at Veteran's Park on October 19, 2008. Seconded: Mr. Bates. Limited discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

Eric Berghman came before the Members to answer questions with respect to his application for a Body Art Practitioner license to work at Shovelheads.

MOTION made by Mr. Maslen to grant a Body Art Practitioner license for Eric Berghman to work at Shovelheads. Seconded: Mr. Bates. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

Jesse Sheridan came before the Members to answer questions with respect to his application for a Body Art Practitioner license to work at Shovelheads.

MOTION made by Mr. Maslen to grant a Body Art Practitioner license for Jesse Sheridan to work at Shovelheads. Seconded: Mr. Bates. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

LICENSE RENEWAL:

Disposal Works Installer license renewal/John B. Grimaldi

The Members noted that John Grimaldi was applying for renewal of his disposal works installer's license and discussed the repeated but unsuccessful efforts with him to fulfill his obligations to pay Earthworks Engineering for previous BOH consulting engineering work done for a development of his that never went forward. In spite of several efforts to collect the engineering fees due, Mr. Grimaldi has yet to pay for the work incurred, has yet to respond to Health Department entreaties to do so, and now asks the Board to renew his own license to do business in North Attleboro. In discussion, the Members agreed that a licensee should be in good standing with the Board before an existing license is renewed, and that Mr. Grimaldi's refusal to cooperate with the Board's instructions (to pay its consulting engineer for subdivision review work) does not constitute "good standing". Mr. Davis will speak with Mr. Grimaldi

about the issue before the Board makes its decision with respect to renewal of his Disposal Works Installer license.

CHRISTINA ESTATES:

Perc Tests

Mr. Davis has received notice from Tilton & Associates that it wishes to reduce its request for multiple perc tests in the Christina Estates subdivision to a request to test only one lot, and that it does not wish to have Mill River Consulting do the work. Mill River Consulting had previously agreed to perform the original work for an unspecified number of percs on the Department's behalf, and the developer was so notified. The Members reviewed a fax from the developer challenging Mill River Consulting and suggesting the Board follow an entirely different procedure, specifically provide three alternate consultants (other than Mill River) that the developer may select from to witness soil tests. Discussion ensued and the Members agreed that Mr. Davis should ask the developer's intent with respect to the additional consultants and what its reasons are for not accepting Mill River Consulting to witness percs.

PERMIT POLICY:

The Board considered a revised draft of a new Permit Policy incorporating Town Counsel's suggestions for speedy and written notice. In discussion, the Members agreed that the policy would establish standards the Board could follow when dealing with any of its licensees. The policy would also set the standard to meet with respect to non-renewal of Mr. Grimaldi's Disposal Works Installer license above, if that should become the Board's decision.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to adopt the Permit Policy as proposed and dated October 8, 2008 for the Town of North Attleboro. Seconded: Mr. Maslen. After additional discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

COMPLAINT LOG:

MOTION made by Mr. Bates to review the present and pending complaint logs at the next Board meeting on October 23, 2008. Seconded: Mr. Donohue. Limited discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

GOVERNMENT REFORM:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue that, in the spirit of government reform, the Board of Health should be in full cooperation with the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen and support the Health Agent and the Assistant Health Agent's work with both in order to resolve Action Needed Reports and any or all other problems that might come before them. Seconded: Mr. Maslen. After discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

The Members agreed that the Chairman should draft a letter to the Selectmen to be presented to Mark Fisher to read at the next Selectmen's meeting Thursday evening.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Mr. Maslen to accept the minutes of September 23, 2008 as written. Seconded: Mr. Donohue. No discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

HEALTH AGENT’S MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to table the Health Agent’s Report for September 2008 till October 23, 2008. Seconded: Mr. Maslen. No discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

NAIL SALON LICENSING:

Mr. Davis has been in touch with Chief Investigator Christopher Carroll from the State Licensing Board and has arranged for him to attend the October 23, 2008 Board meeting. Representative Betty Poirier has expressed interest in attending as well. In addition to the Board’s own nail regulation that is more strict than the state’s, the Members would like to discuss the state’s licensing of manicurists with Mr. Carroll and their concerns for the lack of understanding so frequently observed with respect to safety and sanitary practices, MSDS sheets, and other issues often complicated by language barriers.

SEPTIC BETTERMENT:

After many years of no septic betterment activity whatsoever, at least one resident has expressed interest in pursuing a septic betterment loan through the Board in order to upgrade their septic system. The current economy may prompt others to do the same.

EXTEND INVITATION TO PRESS:

Mr. Davis will extend an invitation to both the Sun Chronicle and the Free Press to attend a Board of Health meeting of their choice to inform them of the services that the Board provides and what its Members are trying to accomplish.

POSTING OF SIGNS FOR “NO PETS” IN TOWN HALL:

The Town Clerk has requested that the Board once again restate a “No Pets” (other than service animals) policy for Town Hall. In 2004, the Board of Health voted that “No Pets” and “Shoes Must be Worn” signs should be posted in Town Hall. After the signs were ordered and posted however, they were reportedly taken down by the administration. Discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to reinstate the policy of posting signs in Town Hall to advise the public that pets are not allowed in the building, with the exception of service animals, and that visitors must wear shoes and shirts. Seconded: Mr. Maslen. Some additional discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

At the Chairman’s request, Mr. Davis has met with United Steelworkers’ representative, Tim Slattery, to discuss finally correcting the public health nurse and agent’s job descriptions that the Board had originally approved back in February 2007. Mr. Slattery readily expressed his willingness to help make the corrections necessary and will work with Human Resources Director, Catherine Calicchia, to do so. At his request, Mr. Slattery has been provided with a copy set of materials that document the Board’s efforts to correct the job descriptions since February 2007.

ADJORN:

There being no further business to discuss, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Donohue to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Seconded: Mr. Maslen. No further discussion, motion passes 3-0.