

NORTH ATTLEBORO BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of  
October 23, 2008 6:00 pm

In attendance: Don Bates, Chairman; John Donohue Jr., Member; Public Health Nurse, Anne Marie Fleming; Agents: Rob Casper and Robert Davis. (Jonathan Maslen excused)

Visitors: Edmund & Katherine Clavette from the First Congregational Church; Robert Silva dba/Septic Preservation Services; Christopher Carroll, State Inspector of Licenses.

Chairman Donald Bates opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

**LICENSES:**

Edmund and Katherine Clavette came before the Members to answer questions with respect to their application for a Temporary Food license for the First Congregational Church for their Autumn Concert on October 25, 2008.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Donohue to grant a Temporary Food license for the First Congregational Church for their Autumn Concert. Seconded: Mr. Bates. Limited discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

Mr. Bates noted that Mr. Maslen was not present this evening due to medical issues he was tending to. The Members wished him well.

**HEALTH NURSE'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:**

Anne Marie Fleming came before the Board to discuss her monthly report for September 2008 and answer the Member's questions.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Donohue to accept the Health Nurse's Monthly Report for September 2008. Seconded: Mr. Bates. After discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

**LICENSES:**

Robert Silva came before the Members to answer questions with respect to his application for a Disposal Works Installer license dba/ Septic Preservation Services at 38 Harold Sweet Drive, Attleboro, MA for installation of a White Knight Treatment Septic System.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Donohue to grant a Disposal Works Installer license to Robert Silva dba/Septic Preservation Services. Seconded: Mr. Bates. After discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Donohue to accept the minutes of October 8, 2008 as written. Seconded: Mr. Bates. No discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

**HEALTH AGENT'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:**

Rob Casper came before the Board to discuss his monthly report for September 2008 and answer the Member's questions.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Donohue to accept the Health Agent's Monthly Report for September 2008. Seconded: Mr. Bates. After discussion, all in favor, motion passes 2-0.

**CHRISTINA ESTATES:**

Rob Casper discussed the shifting of lot lines in Christina Estates with the Members, causing certain redrawn lots to be missing deep holes or actual perc tests. According to the developer's new plan layout, Mr. Casper felt there would be more than one lot that would need to perc'd in the Christina Estates subdivision.

**STATE LICENSING INSPECTOR:**

Chief State Licensing Inspector Christopher Carroll came before the Members to discuss Nail Salon Regulations with the Board. In discussion, Mr. Carroll explained that State Licensing Board has six cosmetology investigators at its disposal, and when they find unsanitary conditions in a nail salon they will revisit it several times, as well as take action on the license if violations haven't been corrected. Members discussed their experience dealing with unlicensed manicurists and establishments in North Attleboro, as well as the language barriers being frequently encountered that make it so difficult to communicate with nail salon workers who clearly do not understand instructions, policies or regulations related to their profession. Other items discussed at length included requirements for MSDS sheets, ventilation standards and instrument sterilization. The discussion was lively and Mr. Carroll was very informative. He advised the Members that his Board was in the process of rewriting the State's nail salon regulations now and that he would present many of the Board's questions and issues to them for consideration. With only a handful of cities and towns that have their own nail regs as North Attleboro does, Mr. Davis suggested they be asked to contribute their experience to the Licensing Board and the State's reg rewrite directly.

**CHRISTINA ESTATES:**

A letter has been sent to John Permentier of Tilton & Associates asking him why their firm wishes to reject the Board's use of Mill River as a consultant.

**EARTHWORKS FEE SATISFACTION:**

After confirming with Earthworks Engineering that the firm has yet to be paid by John Grimaldi for services rendered several years ago, contrary to specific instructions and subsequent appeals given him by the Board, Mr. Grimaldi has been asked to explain why the Board should not consider his inaction with respect to that obligation when considering his request to renew his Disposal Works Installer's license.

**CUSHMAN VILLAGE:**

The Planning Board agenda is once again listing the Cushman Village development for final action in its October 31, 2008 agenda. The Board has yet to receive any of the elements agreed upon with the developer at its August 26, 2008 meeting, nor any documentation of support for the project from the Board of Public Works.

**MAHB FALL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:**

Mr. Davis reminded the Members of the Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting date for the MAHB fall certification program. Mr. Bates may not be able to attend if a business conflict occurs.

## **COMPLAINT LOG:**

### 60 Barbara Road

The yard at 60 Barbara Road is again littered with rubbish and other debris. Because the complaint remains in the pending complaint file due to non-payment of previous \$100 fine, a 5 day notice to clean the property up will be issued, subject to a \$200 fine on the sixth day.

### Indulgence

Indulgence Nail Salon ordered, received and returned the wrong size sterilizer, and has reordered but not yet received the correct size.

### Nail Pro Plus & Passion Nails

The owner of these two nail salon establishments continues to pursue a written authorization from the waste disposal company to put the salons' sealed liquid waste in the Mall dumpster and has been given until October 30<sup>th</sup> to comply.

### 58 River Street

Much work has been accomplished, but there are still sanitary code violations that need to be addressed at 58 River Street.

### 208 Park Street

Tenants in all four apartments at this address have had violation issues with their apartments and their landlord. The owner is in the process of correcting them.

### 21 Lakeshore Drive, apt. E1

The Meadows rental manager has been given some additional time to address some personal medical issues, but is expected to meet with Mr. Davis next week for reinspections.

### 48 River Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

An Order to Correct has been sent to owner to provide heat to the apartment at 48 River Street and correct several other violations.

### 60 High Street

Among other violations, there are heating issues with the furnace and the oil tank at 60 High Street and an Order to Correct has been sent out today.

## **PENDING COMPLAINT LOG:**

Most of these pending complaints remain open due to nonpayment of fines and/or court issues beyond the control of the Department. The next largest group on the list includes vacated apartments that need to be reinspected for violation compliance prior to being reoccupied.

### 49 Eddy Street #4

With a complaint just received that the apartment at 49 Eddy Street is still unclean, this case will be moved back to the active complaint log and reinspected.

### 35 East Street

This owner continues to pick up his yard, but there is still work to be done before the complaint can be closed.

### 145 Freeman Street

The house has been completely demolished and removed from 145 Freeman Street but the pile of tires in the yard continues uncorrected after several attempts to have them removed. The owner was issued a \$100 fine last week and has been ordered to finally remove the tires by 10/27.

21 Mendon Road

The swimming pool with the standing water has been emptied by the fire department, but left uncovered, the elements will add more standing water again. In this case, the owner has apparently abandoned the property, a bank now owns it, and neither are responding to written requests of the Department to permanently resolve the public health complaint.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The heating season is approaching, no-heat calls and complaints are already coming into the Department, and the social service agencies won't start to consider requests for heating assistance until November 1, 2008. It will be a tough winter for all citizens to heat their homes, and none of the resources talked about in recent winter emergency meetings have begun to materialize. Mr. Bates offered to meet or hold a conference call with Mr. Davis and Ms. Fleming to discuss the process of, and limits upon, assistance using Emergency Fund monies.

As the newest Board Member, Mr. Maslen will need to take the ICS 100 and the NIMS 700 courses for emergency preparedness. The training is free and a requirement to keep CDC's emergency funding flowing into the state, down to the Bristol County Coalition and eventually out to the Board and Health Department in North Attleboro. Mr. Bates and Mr. Donohue asked that the Department's records be checked to see if they are current with their course requirements as well, and Mr. Davis noted that both required courses will be offered by the Bristol-Norfolk MRC in South Attleboro on 11/6 and 11/13.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to discuss, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Donohue to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. Seconded: Mr. Bates. No further discussion, motion passes 2-0.