

NORTH ATTLEBORO BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of
February 4, 2008 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Don Bates, Chairman; John Donohue Jr., Member; Susan Shaw, Member; Public Health Nurse Anne Marie Fleming and Robert Davis Agent.

Visitors: Joseph and Bonnie Coggeshall, Edward Murphy III

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

LICENSES:

Joseph & Bonnie Coggeshall came before the Members for their Shovelheads Body Art Establishment license application and answered the Board's questions on Body Art.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to grant a Body Art Establishment license for ShovelHeads Tattoo Ink at 96 North Washington Street. Ms. Shaw seconded. Further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

Edward Murphy III appeared and answered the Members' questions re: his request for a Body Art Practitioner's license.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to grant a Body Art Practitioner's license to Edward Murphy III to work at ShovelHeads Tattoo Ink, 96 North Washington Street. Ms. Shaw seconded. Further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

HEALTH NURSE'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2008:

Public Health Nurse AnneMarie Fleming presented her monthly report for January and answered the Members' questions.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to accept the Nurse's Monthly Report for January as written. Ms. Shaw seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to accept the minutes of January 14, 2008. Ms. Shaw seconded. No discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to accept the minutes of January 23, 2008. Ms. Shaw seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

LICENSES:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to grant a Temporary Food license for the N. Attleboro Animal Control and Shelter's Eighth Annual "Strut your Mutt" event at the North Attleboro High School. Ms. Shaw seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Hola Mexican Grilled Chicken Restaurant

Mr. Aung Tun, owner of the Hola Mexican Grilled Chicken restaurant in the Mall, had been ordered to appear in person or through his agent(s) at tonight's meeting on the safety violation and friolyter incident at his establishment January 15th, but did not show for the meeting, send a representative, or contact the Health Department with any request or reason why he could not appear. This was the case of the friolyter installed without any Town agency's approval that caused a sprinkler to go off and the restaurant to be closed for 3 days.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to have a representative from Hola Mexican Grilled Chicken Restaurant appear at the next Board of Health meeting on February 19, 2008 at 6:30 PM to explain how the incident of January 15, 2008 could have happened, and to suspend the establishment's license for one week if they the owner or his representatives fail to show up again. Ms. Shaw seconded. Some discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

HUMAN SERVICES POSITION:

Once again, the Members discussed the need to establish a human services professional in the Town. Mr. Davis submitted a written request in support of the addition of the Human Service position to the Health Department together with the job description he would propose for such a position. Further discussion ensued, and it was noted that the process of creating/adding such a position would next require a letter from the Board to the Town Administrator officially requesting that the position be filled.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue that the Board endorse the placement of the Human Service professional for the Town as soon as possible and, that it send a letter of support to that effect to the Town Administrator and to the Human Resource Director together with a copy of Mr. Davis' request. Ms. Shaw seconded. After further discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

ANNUAL REPORT:

The Members reviewed the annual report proposed for 2007 and questioned that there were only five new percolation tests for the whole year. Mr. Davis will check on and verify the correct number before submitting the report to the Selectmen's office.

CUSHMAN VILLAGE:

The Board reviewed a copy of a response sent to the Planning Board from Tilton and Associates regarding the Cushman Village subdivision. Acting on behalf of their client, Cushman Development Corporation, Tilton was responding to some, but not all, of the issues raised by the Mill River report. In the discussion that followed, it was agreed that Mr. Davis should submit a letter to the Planning Board outlining 1) the Board of Health's practice and responsibilities when reviewing subdivisions; 2) it's policy to hire a consulting engineer to review subdivisions, and; 3) the Board's request that it meet with the Planning Board by the end of the month to discuss the subdivision review process in general.

RECESS:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to take a five minutes break. Ms. Shaw seconded. All in favor, motion passes 3-0.

COMPLAINT LOG:

139 Jackson Street

Mr. Davis needs to reinspect the yard at 139 Jackson Street for more trash & debris.

49 Eddy Street

The tenant and landlord have been given seven additional days to work out their differences and allow the landlord into the apartment to correct the violations cited.

158 N. Washington Street

This owner has been contacted to schedule a reinspection regarding the electrical issues and other violations cited at 158 N. Washington Street.

267 Mendon Rd.

This owner has been advised that, wintertime notwithstanding, the debris in this yard still needs to be cleaned up.

Chi Chi Salon

A follow-up visit must be made to Chi Chi's Nail Salon, as it may be operating without state or local licenses possibly due to language/understanding issues between the owner and staff and the Health Department.

Fresh Catch

A state inspector from MDPH has inspected Fresh Catch Seafood and declined to issue them a seafood license due to several violations found there, a copy of which has been provided to the Health

Department. Discussion ensued, and as the establishment is operating without a state seafood license, it will be ordered to comply with correction of the violations found by the state inspector within 30 days.

PENDING COMPLAINT LOG:

At the Members' request, a copy set of the cases pending in the complaint log was reviewed by the Board.

967 Longview Drive

Pending awaiting payment for the cost to of the cleanup of the property at 967 Longview Drive.

23 Sumner Street

Mr. Davis has visited 23 Sumner Street to confirm the apartment is still being renovated, without any sign of occupancy again.

145 Broad Street and 11 Summer Street

Both of these cases are pending further action by Town Counsel

60 Barbara Road

Pending awaiting payment of a \$100 fine.

468 Old Post Road

The tenant in this case has permanently vacated the property and a letter has been sent reminding the owner that this apartment will need to be reinspected before it is occupied again.

93-95 Fisher Street

Pending payment of a \$100 fine by the previous owner, as well as a subsequent \$100 fine by the bank that foreclosed on the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Methyl/Wood Alcohol Licensing

Members discussed the need to continue licensing establishments that sell and use antifreeze, and thus the need to inspect and license all such establishments where only some are licensed now. Mr. Donohue offered to do some research with other towns to see if the Board should continue its licensing of Methyl/Wood Alcohol.

LICENSE SUSPENSION & REVOCATION:

Members discussed continuing to license individuals, entities and engineers in particular who have a demonstrated history of problems, mistakes or other issues with the Board. At issue was the question whether the Board could or should revoke or suspend a license issued by the Board, and if so, how.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Health Department vehicle

A request to replace the aged Health Department truck with two more appropriate Town vehicles for the Department has been submitted for the FY2009 CIP budget.

MEETING SCHEDULES:

Board meetings in March will be scheduled for March 10, 2008 and March 24, 2008 at the Electric Department at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURN:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Ms. Shaw. No further discussion, motion passes 3-0.