

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn French, Dilip Jain, Theresa Capobianco TOWN: Kristin Black - Health Agent, Katie Holt - Administrative Assistant to the Health Department OTHER: James Tetreault

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 via Zoom Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Chairman Glenn French.

## 6:04 - Meeting Notes Review

Dilip Jain noted two grammatical errors to be corrected. The board members agreed to re-visit the approval of the meeting minutes at the end of the meeting.

## 6:07 - COVID-19 Update

Health Agent Kristin Black provided an update on COVID-19. As of July 13, cases in Northborough were extremely low, most likely due to the high vaccination rate in Town. The regional clinic at the DoubleTree Hotel officially ended at the end of June. Leftover PPE from the clinics will be stored at Town Hall in anticipation of the possibility of future clinics. Ms. Black mentioned that studies on vaccinating children under age 12 are ongoing and we will hear more information as it becomes available. Ms. Black mentioned that there had been a breakthrough case reported. Theresa Capobianco asked about the case and Ms. Black stated that the individual was fully vaccinated but that she didn't have information on what strain of the virus the individual had. A brief discussion about the symptoms of breakthrough cases continued.

#### 6:15 - Request for variance for 144 and 150 West Main Street from Section II.13 of the Board's Rules and Regulations for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems (continued from June 8, 2021 meeting)

At the June 8, 2021 Board of Health meeting, the board members requested revisions to the plans for 144 and 150 West Main Street. The revised plans had been sent to Board of Health members prior to the meeting. James Tetreault joined the call at 6:19 and explained the updated plans and the changes that were made. A discussion about the plans continued.

Dilip Jain made a motion to approve a variance for 144 West Main St allowing the system to be 10 feet from the front property line as opposed to the required 25 feet and allowing the system to be 20 feet from the side property line abutting 150 West Main Street instead of the required 25 feet. Theresa Capobianco seconded this motion, all in favor.

Dilip Jain made a motion to approve a variance for 150 West Main Street allowing the system to be 12 feet from the front property line instead of the required 25 feet. Theresa Capobianco seconded this motion, all in favor.

### 6:32 - Discuss Virtual vs. Remote Meetings

Kristin Black asked the board members if they prefer remote or in-person meetings. Glenn French, Theresa Capobianco and Dilip Jain all said that they prefer remote meetings. Kristin encouraged the public to reach out to the Health Department if they have an issue with remote meetings or if they don't feel that their needs are being met.

# 6:36 - Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for Local Public Health Services

Kristin Black reviewed the inter-municipal agreement (IMA) for local public health services with the board members. Dilip Jain moved to recommend that the town enters into this inter-municipal agreement for local public health services as written. Theresa Capobianco seconded the motion, all in favor.

Ms. Black explained that there is an advisory board associated with the program and asked the members to appoint a voting member. This is a three-year position and an alternate member is also required. Ms. Black explained what the role entails and discussed the frequency of meetings. The board members agreed to appoint members for one year instead of three years and to revisit after the first year.

Theresa Capobianco made a motion that the Board of Health appoints Kristin black to serve as the primary member of the advisory board on behalf of the Town of Northborough for the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health and that Dr. Jain serves as the alternate member, each for a one-year term. Glenn French seconded the motion, all in favor.

# 6:54 - Meeting Notes Review (continued)

The board members had no further edits aside from what had previously been pointed out by Dilip Jain. Glenn French moved to approve minutes from June 8, 2021 with the changes proposed by Dilip Jain. Theresa Capobianco seconded this motion, all in favor.

#### 6:55 -Establish Future Meeting Date

The next Board of Health meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Glenn French motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:56. Theresa Capobianco seconded the motion, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Katie Holt