

Town of Natick

Board of Health

February 12, 2024 via ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Karla H. Sangrey, PE, Chair; Donald J. Breda, PE, Vice Chair; Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Clerk

Also Present: Michael K. Boudreau, MPA, RS/REHS, Director of Public Health

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chair Sangrey noted a quorum was present and called the meeting to order via roll call, Mr. Breda, Dr. Delli Colli, and Ms. Sangrey all present remotely

Citizens' Concerns: None

Discussion and Decision: January 8, 2024 meeting minutes

The draft minutes were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Breda made a motion to accept the January 8, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Dr. Delli Colli seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Discussion and Decision: Trask Inc., "McHugh Farms" Development, Request for Release of Performance Surety Bond for Store-water Management from Board of Health

Trask, Inc. has paid the bond release fee of \$75.00 and requested the \$98,200.00 bond that was placed at the start of the project be released at this time.

Mr. Boudreau described the scope of the project, the inspection process and the involvement of other town departments.

There was a discussion about requirements such as grading, water tables, infiltration, drainage systems, conservation, the inspections that were performed and responsibility.

Mr. Boudreau said that to the best of his knowledge all requirements have been met.

Mr. Breda made a motion to release the Trask, Inc. Performance Surety Bond for McHugh Farms.

Dr. Delli Colli seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Discussion and Decision: Eliot Healthcare, Request for Variance from Natick Board of Health Regulations Chapter 23: Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Grease Traps and Removal of Grease from Food Establishments

Also present for this agenda item: Mr. Juan Quiroga, and Mr. Shmuel Septimus

Mr. Boudreau reminded the Board this variance request was on their November 13, 2023 meeting agenda and was denied.

Mr. Boudreau told the Board that the facility was built prior to the required exterior grease trap Regulation. The Regulation requires that upon a change in ownership, renovation or new construction, the building has to come into compliance with the current Regulation. The ownership recently changed which is why the order to come into compliance was issued.

Mr. Septimus and Mr. Quiroga described the current status and their proposal. Currently the kitchen has a twenty-five (25) gallon internal grease trap. They are trying to find a solution that will satisfy the need. The installation of an external grease trap is problematic at this site and extremely costly at a time when the patient population is extremely low.

They are proposing the addition of a second internal grease trap of one-hundred (100) gallons called the Grease Guardian to the kitchen. There will be regular weekly disposal of each grease trap and logs will be maintained for checks and balances. Problems are not anticipated due to the low population and the minimal grease production due to the current menu.

Mr. Boudreau said the Health Department must be notified if there is a change in menu items. He said if a variance is approved, the Health Department will conduct regular site visits to determine the effectiveness of the proposal. A review would be conducted at least annually.

There was a discussion of variables such as census of the patients, menu changes, disposals not properly or regularly maintained, potential new technologies and conditions that could be placed on a variance.

Mr. Breda made a motion to grant a variance as follows: allow the addition of a second internal grease trap of one-hundred (100) gallons with the provision of increased disposal of at least monthly and the keeping of a detailed log recording all maintenance and other actions. This log to be available to the Health Department at all times.

Health Department Update(s):

- a. Emergency Shelter Response Update
Natick is not receiving any refugees, migrants or asylum seekers as other Massachusetts towns have. To remain informed and be prepared, Town Administration and Department Heads are meeting regularly with community leaders and faith-based groups as well as with counterparts from nearby towns/cities.

- b. MA Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) Air Quality Monitoring Station for Middlesex County
Ms. Heidi Harper, BSN, RN, Natick Public Health Nurse, researched and obtained approval for the installation of an Air Quality Monitoring Station. She pursued this environmental justice initiative in the interest of air quality. Last year local air quality was of special concern as wildfire smoke from Canada was wafting this way during the summer when many children are participating in outdoor camp activities. MA DEP has agreed to install a Monitoring Station in this metro region, most likely in Framingham. It will not be located in Natick. Many thanks to Ms. Harper for her work to bring this important station to our region.
- c. Wildlife
There was a recent incident with rabid wildlife.
Safety information and procedures have been issued via social media including the town website. The Health Department recommends that you vaccinate all your dogs, cats, and ferrets and keep those shots up to date.
Also, if you see a wild animal acting strangely, do not approach it.
Please report it to the Natick Police and the Animal Control Officer (Peter Cunningham, cunningham@natickpolice.com or 508-647-9510 ext. 2516)
For more information, please visit <https://www.natickma.gov/1215/Rabies>.

Board Member Update(s): The amount of unvaccinated children may be the cause of a measles outbreak.

Reminder of the next meeting public hearing regarding the revisions to regulations for the keeping of livestock and bees.

Update to 1 South Main Street grease trap, nothing submitted as of yet.

Information pending regarding Lookout Farm grease trap status.

Next Meeting(s): The next meetings are scheduled for March 11, April 8, May 6 and June 10, 2024.
 (all Mondays, at 5:00 pm, via ZOOM, and subject to change)

Adjourn: Mr. Breda made a motion to adjourn
 Dr. Delli Colli seconded the motion.
 There was no further discussion.
 The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Respectfully submitted,



Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Clerk

Documents:
Draft minutes 02-12-2024
Documents regarding Trask, Inc. request
Documents regarding Eliot Healthcare request
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/respiratory-illness-reporting>