



# Norton Health Advisory Board Memorandum

**To:** Karla Richards, Clerk of Council  
**From:** Paula Fisher, Boards & Commissions Secretary  
**Date:** 1/18/13  
**Re:** Norton Health Advisory Board Approved/Signed Minutes: November 15, 2012

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Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Norton Health Advisory Board meeting held on November 15, 2012.

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**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF NORTON  
Thursday, November 15, 2012**

The Health Advisory Board (NHAB) of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Chairperson Safron called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

**I. ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Mike Safron, Johanna Edwards, Dalia Spisak, Cindy Mazey, Charlotte Whipkey

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dan Karant, Ryan Pruett

**II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes of August 23, 2012 and Chairperson Safron called for a motion to approve them. Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Mazey. **ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak – Yes, Ms. Mazey – Yes, Ms. Edwards – Yes, Mr. Safron – Yes, Ms. Whipkey – Yes. The motions passed 5 - 0, approving the minutes as written.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairperson Safron stated that Mr. Ryan Pruitt is here tonight to speak on the septic information. Mr. Pruitt stated that updates on septic inspections that were performed before the year, they have done some follow-ups on the inspections and has been placed on the monthly reports. Mr. Pruitt stated that what they are concentrating on now is Norton as a city is mandated under phase II storm water requirements to monitor MS4s which means basically whenever a storm structure such as an open ditch or closed pipe drains into a natural body of water, then Norton has to monitor that. He stated that there is a five year permit and Norton had to first identify all the areas and they need to monitor that. SCHD goes out and checks the areas when there has been no rain for 48 to 72 hours and if there is water running they take samples and check them for the counts. Ms. Whipkey asked Mr. Pruitt if that is what is called dry testing and Mr. Pruitt stated that yes that is a term they could use. Ms. Edwards asked Mr. Pruitt if they notify the homeowners and Mr. Pruitt stated that when they do the evaluations there is already in Norton under their first permit they contracted with Cuyahoga County Health Department since Barberton Health Department didn't offer that test. Mr. Pruitt stated that Cuyahoga County wrote the book on the testing. Mr. Pruitt stated it the problem is in the property they will go to the door and explain to the resident why they are there so they may look at it. Chairperson Safron asked Mr. Pruitt if the results of the testing are available to the public and Mr. Pruitt stated that it is not complete as of yet. He stated with having covered storm ditches it is hard to find the problem and we would ask the homeowner to put in an inspection port. Mr. Safron asked the board had any other questions. Ms. Spisak stated with the dry testing that Ms. Whipkey called them does the information go to the city then and Mr. Pruitt stated yes it goes to the city and that is part of the information that they would handle with the EPA. Chairperson Safron thanked Mr. Pruitt for coming. Ms. Whipkey asked Mr. Pruitt if he had the amount of septic that failed, and Mr. Pruitt stated that he will check into it and will send it through the email. Ms. Spisak stated that people could contact SCHD and get the information. Ms. Mazey asked if that was public information and Mr. Pruitt stated yes it is for the public.

Chairperson Safron thanked Mr. Karant for being here and Mr. Karant stated that he had received information about the mobile home parks and stated that as of December 1, 2012, SCDH will no longer issue licenses or do inspections at mobile home parks. They used to do the inspections and most of the problems are more building issues than health issues. Mr. Karant stated that state wide the responsibility has shifted from the Ohio Department of Health to the manufactured home park bureau which is a board that oversees the manufactured home parks. Mr. Karant stated that with attrition, Summit County is not going to have an increase to the city this year.

Ms. Whipkey stated she had a question for Mr. Pruitt concerning the SCHD report and the last sentence in the Storm Water Investigations about Mr. Ryland regarding desired enforcement parameters. It states that SCHD are following his input regarding no more band-aids with full compliance with today's standards on replacement systems since sewer progress has been halted. Mr. Pruitt stated that when the city had plans for the zones that they could foresee the sewers being extended, one of the options they

gave residents was that the city was looking to sewer the area that they would allow for the band-aids for the septic like we had on Oak Street. Mr. Pruitt stated that since the city has told them that the sewer system is at a halt the residents will now have to put in the State approved NPDES system in. Mr. Safron stated that if the sewer lines would eventually run would there be a time limit on the resident to hook up at the time and Mr. Pruitt stated yes.

Mr. Richard W. Gardner stated that when the sewer system is installed then we are required to tie in and Mr. Pruitt stated that there is an Ohio Revised Code that anywhere in the state of Ohio whether a residence or commercial they must tie in but does not specifically express how long. Mr. Gardner stated that Mr. Ryland stated that we would need to pay the assessment but if the system is not failing we would not have to tie in. Mr. Pruitt stated that they do work with the city and they honor what the city wants them to do. Mr. Gardner asked if Mr. Pruitt could give a percentage of failures and Mr. Pruitt stated he does not have the information. Mr. Pruitt stated that if you park in the Fire Department and walk to the ditch that comes from across the street you will see actual raw sewage. There were more comments from Mr. Gardner about amounts on the connection of sewers and septic. Mr. Pruitt spoke more concerning the septic and the codes of the septic.

Patricia Reese stated that there is a problem in Nash Heights and that some of them put in new septic and they are stating that they do not have to tie in and she would like to have it in writing that she would not have to tie in and she does not want to take someone's word for it. She wants to have the Health Advisory Board to advise the city not to make them tie in if they have good septic. Mr. Safron stated that the ordinance states that if you are within a certain distance then you would have to tie in and that is something for Council.

Bill Dyke stated that the board is technically very proficient but you haven't addressed the big problem and it keeps going back to council to get things done. Secondly how many systems in the town have failed and are they really bad or not to bad and what needs to be done to correct the systems and how much is that going to cost the individual homeowner. Mr. Dyke stated to Charlotte that she needs to take all the information back to the city and they need to listen to her.

Dennis Pierson stated that he would like to qualify a couple things that the agenda is city driven and not health department driven as far as septic systems. Mr. Pierson stated that they want to do a sanitary sewer line and who is going to force the issue and Mr. Pruitt stated that they have the obligation to instruct people to tie in to the sanitary sewer but they work with communities that when sewer is available to work with a time frame and if the city says follow your own guidelines. If the city says though we need the citizens to payback to tie in but we don't want to have them tie in till the fail and not give a deadline. Mr. Pierson stated that failure rate that 70% was established from what and Mr. Pruitt stated that he doesn't have a report. Mr. Pierson stated that the city had Cuyahoga County Health Board for a report and the EPA was given a copy and is that a 70% failure rate based on septic or based on storm drains and Mr. Pruitt stated that he works for Summit County Health Department and not for Cuyahoga County Health or for the City of Norton. Mr. Pierson asked when the Summit County Health did their testing and Mr. Pruitt stated that they did some testing in May but he does not have the information. Mr. Pierson stated he had a question for the board and that the EPA asked the city to have a mapping of the entire city for septic by July and if they have that and Mr. Safron stated no they are just an advisory board. There were more comments from Mr. Pierson.

Mary Dyke stated that she wanted to know that even if several homes had off lot discharge had storm drains that were covered that if the stuff sits there then it could be harmful then is there something they could do with the issue and Mr. Pruitt stated that there are things that could be done but it could become unfunded and the city would have to come up with something since it would be a maintenance issue. Mr. Pruitt is not aware of any treatment method for the drains.

Tom Kornas stated that he wanted to ask Mr. Pruitt the phone number and Mr. Pruitt stated 330-926-5640 and that rings through the switchboard and Mr. Kornas asked if there was a contact person that would test like the testing that was done in Nash Heights and Mr. Pruitt stated that he could ask him. Mr. Kornas asked Mr. Pruitt if they did any testing on Gardner Blvd. or on Greenwich Rd. and Mr. Pruitt stated that the city contracted with Cuyahoga County and they did the testing and Barberton probably would not have the information in 2009. Mr. Karant stated that between 2001 and 2009 Summit County was out of the picture and that was when we were with Barberton Health District. Ms. Whipkey stated that she had a list of the septic from the testing but she did not have it with her but she has it. Mr. Kornas also stated that he would like to see a report of how much is going into the city of the payments and the assessments and how much we spent on engineering and would like to see where all the money is going to.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Safron stated they would go over the SCHD reports. Mr. Safron asked if anyone had any questions on the reports and no one had any questions on it so Mr. Safron asked for and adjournment.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2013 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Safron adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

  
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Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair

  
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Date 17 Jan 2013