

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**4-30-12**



## TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Jeanne Spalding, RS, CHO  
Health Officer  
Hours: 9am-5pm

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### MEMO

**TO:** Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** Jeanne Spalding, Health Officer

**DATE:** April 25, 2012

**RE:** Tispaquin Family Campground

It is my recommendation that the Board deny the permit application as filed for 113 sites. If the Board wishes to consider issuing a permit to operate, it should be with the receipt of an application by the Holton's requesting no more than what was previously approved.

**440.01: continued**

**Safari Field means an area attached to a licensed family type camp ground used for overflow and group camping. Safari fields are not to be used on a regular basis or construed to be just another campground with lower standards than required by these minimum regulations. Overflow and group camping refers to one night stops or to a weekend at most.**

NUMBER 2-02 THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FREE \$50.00

Town of Middleborough  
 Name Ralph Holton  
 This is to Certify that Tispaquin Family Camp Area  
 NAME  
68 Purchase Street  
 ADDRESS

IS HEREBY GRANTED A PERMIT  
 To operate a Family Type Campground in accordance with 105 CMR 440.000  
 For Chapter VI Minimum Standards for Developed Family Type Campgrounds, local  
 regulation promulgated by the Board of Health & M.G.L. Chapter 140 Sec. 3  
 camping season March 1 through December 31  
 Maximum number of sites 51 Safari Field - Maximum number  
 of hookups for electrical and water facilities 14

This permit is granted in conformity with the Statutes and ordinances relating thereto, and  
 expires December 31, 2002 unless sooner suspended or revoked.

For the Board of Health  
[Signature]  
 Health Officer

March 11, 2002

FORM 451 HOBBS & WARREN, INC.

NUMBER 91-2 THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Middleborough  
 Name Tispaquin Family Camp Area  
 This is to Certify that 68 Purchase Street  
 ADDRESS

IS HEREBY GRANTED A PERMIT  
 To operate a Family Type Campground in accordance with 105 CMR 440.000  
 For Chapter VI Minimum Standards for Developed Family Type Campgrounds, Local  
 regulation promulgated by the Board of Health & M.G.L. Chapter 140,  
 Sec. 32B, Camping Season March 1, 1991 through December 31, 1991  
113 sites and a 35 camper safari field as per 1990 court stipulation and  
Board of Health approval. Maximum sites 56 with a 25 camper safari field  
stipulation. pending DEP exemption from water supply regulation. (See attached court  
 stipulation)

This permit is granted in conformity with the Statutes and ordinances relating thereto, and  
 expires December 31, 1991 unless sooner suspended or revoked.

Effective May 1 1991

For the Board of Health  
[Signature]  
 Health Officer

FORM 451 HOBBS & WARREN, INC.

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APR 25 2012  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MA

Town of Middleboro  
10 Nickerson Ave.  
Middleboro, MA 02346

Board of Selectman & Residents

Honorable Board and Residents,

On Monday April 23, 2012 Tispaquin Family Camp Area had a meeting with you. By the end of the meeting frustration had set in and I exited the meeting. I apologize for my frustration. The Board tabled the meeting and continued it to Monday April 30, 2012. For some reason my credibility keeps coming up as one reason to not issue the Tispaquin Family Camp Area a license. I always thought credibility was when you say something and don't do it you lose credibility. You seem to think credibility is when you tell a person to do something and they don't do it that makes a person un-credible. My credibility under my definition is very good because I more than do what I say I am going to do, as far as doing what you tell me to do, I don't because if you think something is wrong you shouldn't do it. I am trying to do the right thing here. If your looking back on past licenses to find the correct one you should look back to the 90's like I said in my application. A copy of the plan for the tight tank is along with email communication is submitted with this letter. If people would respond to my communications and not ignore my sincere efforts to move this forward I believe we would be done right now. The 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 licenses illustrated no septic issues to say there are some now would allow me to repair or replace what was wrong and continue on with same license. That is what was done with others, which is what should be done here. Please look back and issue the correct license as I am asking you only to be fair.

Thank you,

  
Barbara Holton

**Kathleen Holton**

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**From:** KATHY HOLTON [kathy\_holton@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2012 8:44 PM  
**To:** kholton@triumphinc.org  
**Subject:** Fw: Tispaquin Family Campground, Middleborough, MA

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** ralph holton <harle95@hotmail.com>  
**To:** Kathy Holton <kathy\_holton@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2012 5:04 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Tispaquin Family Campground, Middleborough, MA

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**To:** harle95@hotmail.com; ceglorraine@aol.com  
**Subject:** Tispaquin Family Campground, Middleborough, MA  
**From:** grcpe@aol.com  
**Date:** Fri, 5 Aug 2011 09:16:58 -0400

Dear Barbara and Ralph:

I am meeting with Brett Rowe from DEP on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. For what ever reason, he would like to meet with me only me at this time. I will report back to you after the meeting.

Perhaps we can talk before the meeting.

Respectfully yours,

George

## **FW: Tispaquin Family Camping Area, Middleborough, MA**

From: **ralph holton** (harle95@hotmail.com)  
Sent: Tue 4/24/12 4:48 AM  
To: Kathy Holton (kathy\_holton@yahoo.com)

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To: brett.rowe@state.ma.us; jspldng@middleborough.com; harle95@hotmail.com; ceglorraine@aol.com  
Subject: Tispaquin Family Camping Area, Middleborough, MA  
From: grcpe@aol.com  
Date: Tue, 16 Aug 2011 16:44:31 -0400

Dear Brett:

I am taking this opportunity to thank you and the other DEP and Middleborough Health Department staff for meeting with me on Wednesday.

This past Friday I met with Barbara Holton, Owner, Operator of the Tispaquin Family Camping Area (TFCA). I provided her with a verbal synopsis of the meeting and here response is one of disbelief and concern for the lively hood of her business. The following are comments and proposed actions that Mrs. Holton would like me to present to DEP.

- 1) She has been operating the Campground for 28 years and she is the only one that can provide first hand information regarding the current and past operation of the campground.
- 2) There is little or no documentation on file with the Middleborough Board of Health with respect to violations at TFCA.
- 3) TFCA will provide clear evidence that in 1990, 1991 and 1992, they possessed a permit from the Town of Middleborough for 113 sites.
- 4) TFCA should be grandfather ed for the 113 sites under the 1993 Title 5 campground regulations.
- 5) TFCA would like to proceed with permitting 111 camp sites with a 9,990 gallons per day and upgrading the campground under a repair (no increase in flow) status for the proposed 111 site scenario.
- 6) TFCA has provided Collins Civil Engineering Group, Inc. authorization to proceed with an Industrial Wastewater Holding Tank design with installation shortly thereafter.
- 7) TFCA will finalize the Title 5 inspections and upgrade systems that are in failure, under an upgrade status.
- 8) Per the suggestion of DEP staff, TFCA will install sub-water meters at several locations in order to quantify and track the collection and proper disposal of wastewater on the property.
- 9) TFCA will provide DEP with Honey Wagon and on site well water meter readings and laboratory results.

It should be noted that our meeting was very one sided with my limited representation of Mr. and Mrs. Holton. It is my opinion that DEP should meet with Mr. and Mrs. Holton as soon as possible to get their side of the story. I am well aware that DEP is not in a position to litigate, however, I do think that the TFCA should be given every opportunity to represents itself properly. As a Registered Professional Civil Engineer, I feel that we can come up with an environmentally responsible solution to the situation that will not put the Holton family out of business.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to arrange a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Holton and others as you deem appropriate. The Holtons email is [harle95@hotmail.com](mailto:harle95@hotmail.com) for your use and records.

Respectfully yours,

**GEORGE R. COLLINS, P.E., S.E., C.S.**  
President, Chief Engineer

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