

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

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Barbara Brown
for TOWN CLERK, ACTON

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill McInnis (Chairman)

Cordelia Alfaro

James Barbato

Jonathan Bosworth

Mark Conoby

Peter Vallaincourt (Assoc.)

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Halley (Health Director)

Rose Erdozaincy (Sanitarian)

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Wolf

Susan Clarke

Carolyn Hottle

The meeting opened at 7:38 P.M.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Mr. Conoby moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Barbato seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

188 MAIN STREET UPDATE:

Mr. Halley reported to the Board that the conflict, regarding septic system inspections at 188 Main Street, between ABC Cesspool & Rags Inc., appears to have been resolved. The owner of that property has decided, based on both reports and to make a viable sale, to design done and construct a new septic system.

MASSAGE PRACTITIONER APPLICATION - Carolyn Hottle:

The Board reviewed Ms. Hottle's Massage Practitioner's Application and asked applicable questions which Ms. Hottle answered to the Board's satisfaction. Mr. Conoby moved to grant a Massage Practitioner's License to Ms. Hottle in accordance with the application submitted. Mr. Barbato seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

SUSAN CLARK/ ENHALE:

Susan Clark, a representative from ENHALE, presented updated information regarding indoor pollution. Ms. Clark stated that adaptivity of human beings to chemical substances is questionable. The risk/ benefit of technology/ pollution was discussed. Ms. Clark had many points including:

The fallacy regarding dose relationship to toxicity of chemicals.

The focus on mortality reports rather than morbidity reports (morbidity being difficult to document).

Cancer tracking consistently at the expense of other types of illnesses. The medical community's belief in being academically vigorous but largely ignoring toxicology in courses of classical training.

Ms. Clark explained the built in bias of Epidemiology, invisibility of toxins (one asbestos fiber can cause cancer). People can not choose to breathe air, it is a necessity. Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Syndrome - affects brain waves & in some individuals,

stimulation by smoke or toluene, can cause seizures. Ms. Clark disseminated literature, lists of environmentally responsible cleaning products. The Board asked questions regarding her goals and thanked Ms. Clark for her presentation.

CITGO HAZ-MAT PERMIT:

Mr. Halley presented to the Board the details of the inspection which has been conducted of the Citgo facility on Central St. A list of recommended conditions was also presented to the Board. Secondary containment of the on site oil tanks was discussed. The issue of existing empty tanks in the rear of the property was also discussed. The Board stated that if there are no plans to use them in the immediate future they should be removed. If they are to be placed in service they must be checked for tightness and integrity prior to re-filling or re-use. The Board asked the department to re-inspect the site in regards to storage of fuel vehicles over night. The permit hearing will be re-scheduled after the additional information is developed. Mr. Barbato moved to table the permit application. Mr. Conoby seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

8 CASTLE DRIVE VARIANCE:

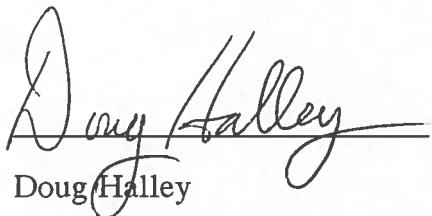
The applicants have requested the Board grant a variance for construction of a slab within 10' of an existing septic tank at 8 Castle Drive. The proposed distance will be 7'-4". Mr. Halley noted that a similar variance had been granted previously by the Board for construction at 4 Castle Drive. It was recommended that the septic tank be pumped and the bottom elevation of the septic tank be verified and that the bottom elevations of the proposed footings be no greater than 2' above the bottom elevation of the septic tank. Mr. Conoby moved to grant the variance with the recommended conditions set by the Health Department. Ms. Alfaro seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

DAY CARE LICENSES:

Mr. Halley informed the Board that they needed to determine on whether they should re-apply for designation as Day Care Inspectors for the Town of Acton. The Board determined that with the hiring of a full time nurse position, this designation should continue. Mr. Bosworth moved to inform the Office for Children of the Board's intent to continue to be the State's designated inspector for the Town of Acton. Mr. Barbato seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Conoby moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Alfaro seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,


Doug Halley

Health Director



William McInnis

Chairman