



Acton Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

7:30 PM.

Hybrid Meeting Room 9 Acton Town Hall and via Zoom

Present:

Members Present: Mark Conoby - Chairman

Virtual Members Present: William McInnis, Michael Kreuze and Dr. William Taylor

Staff Present: Matthew Dow – Interim Health Director and Felix Garcia – Health Inspector

Others Present: Alissa Nicol – Select Board Liaison

Others Present Virtually: Michael Jreige – Frank's Auto Repair and Call-in user #1

1. Opening

Chairman – Mark Conoby opened the meeting at 7:33 P.M. A script was read that was provided by the Town and this meeting of the Board of Health was called to order.

2. Regular Business

Health Director Update

Mr. Dow mentioned The Town of Acton, Board of Health is a member of the North West Public Health Coalition, comprising the Health Departments of Acton, Dracut, Lowell, and Westford. The purpose of North West Coalition is to strengthen and promote public health across its participating communities. The North West Coalition has just posted a job of a regional health inspector that will help out in all towns. This person, when hired will help with temporary food inspections on nights and weekends as well as farmers market food inspections on Sundays, just to name a few things he or she will be doing for the Health Division.

Last week Felix Garcia and Matthew Dow had a meeting with the Concord Health Department and the EPA along with Town Counsel regarding well regulations surrounding the WR Grace and Nuclear Metals Superfund Sites. The meeting was about the Administrative Hold that is still in place and the hope that Concord would do the same. Mr. Dow mentioned to the Board that in the near future we may have to amend the well regulations in Town.

Nursing Service Update



Mr. Dow informed the Board that over the last month there have been 47 COVID cases and 30 Flu cases reported in Town, but that these numbers are probably on the lower side since people are doing home testing. Mr. Dow also mentioned that as of today, February 6, 2024 there are no issues at either Robbins Brook or LifeCare assisted living facilities.

Mr. Dow also mentioned that the Nursing Service received a \$1000.00 CHNA Grant through Emerson's Community Benefit Grant Program. This will focus on engaging isolated Asian elders in the community.

Other / Future Agenda Items

The Chair of the Board provided an update on the Health/Human Services Director, with finalists being selected and a decision expected in a few weeks to a month.

The Board mentioned what agenda items they would like to discuss in the future including: Well Regulations, North West Public Health Coalition presentation, Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control outlook, Beavers, Updated Regulations, Water District and how they plan on protecting the water resources in Town and sodium levels in water and why they are so high.

Frank's Auto Repair – 5 Railroad street – Hazardous Materials Permit

Mr. Dow informed the Board that Michael Jreige, the owner of Frank's Auto Repair at 5 Railroad Street is seeking a Hazardous Material Permit from the Board of Health. Michael Jreige, the new owner of Frank's Auto Repair, introduced himself to the Board and that he wishes to apply for a hazardous material permit. He assured the board that the facility's operations and materials were the same as under the previous ownership. The Board expressed their satisfaction with the application.

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to grant Frank's Auto Repair a hazardous material permit in the Town of Acton.

92B Willow Street – Update / Order and Enforcement

Mr. Dow gave an update on 92B Willow Street to the Board. He stated that they had a court date on January 24th and both parties had been heard. He reached out to Town counsel for an update, and was told the Housing Court had not made a decision at this time. The Board agreed to keep this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Minutes – January 9, 2024

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Mr. Kreuze, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of January 9, 2024 with corrections as noted. The Chair took roll call and all were in favor.



Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Kreuze, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:02 P.M. The Chair took roll call and all were in favor.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be on February 20, 2024.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting;

- Town of Acton script for boards and committees opening meeting
- Board of Health agenda
- Frank's Auto Repair hazardous material permit application
- Board of Health meeting minutes from 1/9/24

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew R. Dow

Matthew Dow
Interim Health Director

Mark Conoby

Mark Conoby, Chairman
Acton Board of Health