

Acton Board of Health
Room 126, Acton Town Hall
Acton, MA 01720

March 24, 2014

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Members Present: Michael Kreuze –Chairman and Dr. William Taylor, William McInnis, Joanne Bissetta and Mark Conoby
Pam Harting-Barrat-Associate with Voting Rights

Staff Present: Sheryl Ball-Health Agent
Weiyuan Sun-Administration

Other Present: Jeff Purchon, Lester Hartman, Piotr Chadzynski, Jacqueline Friedman and Peg Mikkola

Location: Room 126, Town Hall, Acton, MA 01720

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M.

Minutes

Mr. Piotr Chadzynski, the owner of 10 Robinwood Street was present to comment on the draft minutes dated February 24, 2014. The Boards listened to Mr. Chadzynski's questions, explained that minutes are written as a summation of the meeting. Mr. Chadzynski also submitted his amendments in writing to the Board. On a motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated February 24, 2014 as amended.

9 Baxter Road- Appeal

Mr. Jeff Purchon, the owner of the property located at 9 Baxter Road requested an appeal to the conditions that the Board voted on February 10, 2014. Mr. Purchon felt that the conditions were too onerous and that they should not be required. The Board listened to Mr. Purchon's issues and disagreed with his views. The Health Department is concerned with potential environmental impacts of the septic system and provisions must in place to protect this system. In addition, Title 5 is clear that in order to have an ejector pump the minimum effective volume of the septic tank shall be 1,500 gallons. The Board indicated that the previously voted conditions allow for protection of the septic system. Mr. Purchon withdrew his appeal.

Tobacco 21- Discussion

Dr. Lester Hartman, a pediatrician with 28 years of practice and recently received MPH from Harvard School of Public Health was present before the Board to seek raising the tobacco purchase age to 21 (Tobacco 21). Dr. Hartman indicated that 11 towns in Massachusetts have already raises the minimum age which include Needham, Arlington, Sharon, Canton, Ashland, Dedham, Dover, Norwood, Scituate, W. Boylston and Hudson. In addition, Town of Concord, Winchester and Wayland are seriously considering raising their minimum age to 21. Dr. Hartman stated that the brain is not fully developed at 18 and risk of addiction is high until the age of 25. The Board questioned Dr. Hartman regarding this proposal and requested additional information and data; such as the facts of Tobacco use age and the risk behavior survey report from Acton area. Moreover, the Board would like to discuss this subject again at a future meeting.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Weiyuan Sun
Acton Board of Health

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Michael Kreuze -Chairman
Acton Board of Health