

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

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APRIL 9, 1991

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Emmons (Chairman)

Jonathan Bosworth

Marilyn Hotch

Doug Miller (Associate)

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Halley (Health Director)

Sheryl Howe

OTHERS PRESENT: Lucy Saia

Jack Dunphy

Miles Coverdale

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Mr. Bosworth, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of March 25, 1991.

On a motion made by Mr. Bosworth, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of March 11, 1991.

The meeting opened at 7:45 P.M.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Ms. Saia, Nursing Service Administrator, drafted a Statement of Purpose Policy for review and approval by the Board of Health. The Board reviewed this policy and made minor corrections. Ms. Saia stated that the present Statement of Purpose is three (3) years old and she feels it is important to upgrade this policy.

On a motion made by Ms. Hotch, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the Statement of Purpose for use by the Acton Public Health Nursing Service.

Ms. Saia also asked that the Board adopt the financial admission policy and the infection control policy. Both of these policies have been before the Board previously.

On a motion made by Ms. Hotch, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the Financial Admission Policy.

On a motion made by Mr. Bosworth, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the Infection Control - General Policy.

274 GREAT ROAD - FORMER ETHAN ALLEN GALLERY:

The owners of the property at 274 Great Road seek a special permit for work in an aquifer and also permission to utilize regulation 11-15.10. A 1,440 square foot leaching trench system is proposed for the site to be utilized as a child care facility. The site is in zone 3 and is approximately 2,400

upgradient from the proposed Conant II Well. The percolation rate is less than two minutes per inch. The proposed system provides for 1.37 square feet for every gallon discharged and meets all other Acton regulations.

On a motion made Ms. Hotch, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to grant a special permit to 274 Great Road and allow the utilization of 11.15.10 for leaching trenches with the following conditions:

1. No underground fuel storage tanks shall be permitted on the site.
2. Septic tank shall be pumped a minimum of once every year.
3. The site shall fully conform to the Town of Acton Hazardous Materials Control Bylaw.
4. The sewage disposal system for the building at this site shall be approved by Acton Board of Health staff.
5. Leaching facility shall be designed and installed with pressure dosing of the system, said pressure dosing to be designed in accordance with State Environmental Code or the bottom elevation of the leaching system shall be a minimum of six feet above groundwater.
6. Floor cleaning procedures for the buildings shall use only nontoxic and biodegradable cleaning compounds.
7. Sewage disposal system shall be a minimum 100 feet from flood plain and/or wetlands.
8. Floor drains are not permitted.

19 OLD VILLAGE ROAD - VARIANCE AND SPECIAL PERMIT APPEAL:

The owner, Mr. Miles Coverdale, requests that the Board reconsider their decision to require pressure dosing for a repair of his septic system at

19 Old Village Road. Mr. Coverdale bases this request on the fact that the houses directly across the street from his are outside the aquifer, the leaching system can be designed to be five feet above groundwater without pressure dosing and the percolation rate was five minutes per inch, just within the parameters of the Board's requirement of 6 minutes per inch. The proposed system is approximately 10,000 feet to the Lawsbrook Well.

The Health Department recommends approval of this request with the condition that the sidewall to bottom ratio be a minimum of three to one thereby forcing more leaching to the sides of the system.

Mr. Coverdale also requests that he be allowed to utilize regulation 11-15.10 to reduce the size of his system to 800 square feet of leaching area with the use of leaching trenches.

On a motion made by Ms. Hotch, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to grant the utilization of Acton regulation 11-15.10 to 19 Old Village Road with the following conditions:

1. The bottom leaching area of the septic system shall be designed to be five feet above groundwater.
2. The sidewall to bottom leaching area shall be designed to a ratio of 3 to 1.
3. The leaching trenches shall provide a minimum of 800 square feet of leaching area.
4. The septic tank shall be pumped and inspected at a minimum of once every year with a written report submitted to the Health Department regarding the septic systems status.

GREENO TREE COMPANY/PAUL CLEARY TRUCKING - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL APPLICATION:

A representative of Greeno was not present for a Hazardous Material Permit application to be discussed by the Board.

On a motion made by Mr. Bosworth, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously voted to table this application for a Hazardous Material Permit until April 22, 1991.

On a motion made by Mr. Bosworth, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:57 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 22, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 126 of the Town Hall. The following meeting will be held on May 6, 1991.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Howe

Sheryl Howe, Secretary

Signed and Approved,

G. Emmons

George Emmons, Chairman