



BOARD OF HEALTH

JUNE 26, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT: GEORGE EMMONS
JOSEPH GLANNON
GERHARD HEINRICH
MARILYN HOTCH

STAFF PRESENT: DOUG HALLEY
SHERYL HOWE

OTHERS PRESENT: CHARLOTTE SAGOFF
CONSTANCE MCNULTY
JULIA STEVENS
ROSS LILY
TERI CALDERARO
CHARLOTTE WETHERBEE
JOHN MURRAY
MICHAEL FARREN
DAN VANELA KEYL
DUNCAN WOOD
JACK DUNPHY

The meeting opened at 7:40 P.M.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Mr. Emmons, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of May 22, 1989 as written.

CHARLOTTE SAGOFF

Ms. Sagoff presented the Board with the report of the Health Effects Subcommittee. The Health Effects Subcommittee was founded in 1984 under the direction of the Board of Health. The subcommittee was granted \$25,000 for funds at the annual Town Meeting. The subcommittee's purpose is to see if any illness has occurred because of the Grace contamination and if it has what the future will bring.

Ms. Sagoff also mentioned the Technical Assistant Grant (TAG) Committee. The TAG Committee monitors reports, receives complaints, makes suggestions, and monitors the agreements to the Grace closure plans.

MR. BURTT

Mr. Burtt is the caretaker of Ms. Violet Templeman. Ms. Stevens feels that Ms. Templeman's needs for companionship, housekeeping, trash removal, laundry services, ophthalmologist exam, hairdresser, and social excursions are not met. Ms. Stevens feels that the potential for a liability risk to Acton Public Health Nursing Services is great and that Ms. Templeman requires services beyond the scope of the policies and Department of Public Health certification. An Ad-litum guardian was appointed to Ms. Templeman from the court. However, Ms. Stevens feels this is not enough.

Ms. Stevens feels that Mr. Burtt misrepresented Ms. Templeman's funds. Mr. Burtt has met only two (2) of the conditions that were imposed upon him at the Board of Health meeting on March 29, 1989.

Ms. Templeman's primary physician has been changed to Dr. Wong. Dr. Wong

issued an order for an evaluation of Ms. Templeman's mental health to be performed by Eliot Mental Health Clinic . This evaluation will take between 2-4 weeks to be completed.

The Board feels at this time that they should wait until the evaluation is completed by Eliot Mental Health Clinic before the decision is made whether to terminate the Acton Public Health Nursing Services' to Ms. Templeman.

On a motion made by Mr. Heinrich, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously moved to continue service until the Eliot Mental Health evaluation is done with the stipulation that biweekly trash pickup, payment to home health aide to do laundry at a reasonable rate be the responsibility of Mr. Burtt.

JOHN MURRAY

Mr. Murray represents Mr. Johnson, as acting town manager. Mr. Johnson sends his regrets at not being able to attend this meeting. The Board is concerned with the Nursing Service. The Nursing Service is looking for job re-classifications from Mr. Johnson. Ms. Stevens feels that the nurses hourly rates should be increased and that their positions should be classified at a different grade. Mr. Murray feels that the budget has to remain level and by giving the nurses a raise it would not remain level. Mr. Murray feels that three (3) things are needed; 1. appropriation process, 2. revenue process, and 3. cash flow process. Presently, the Nursing Service is negative \$40,000 only because the cash is not there and money had to be borrowed. At any given time the money needs to have an equilibrium. The nursing service staff are presently doing jobs above their present classifications which implies that they are exceeding their present worth. Mr. Murray stated that he would speak with Mr. Johnson about the possibility of revising the job descriptions (seeing where they

rate compared to other departments job descriptions) and also the possibility of a pay raise based on reclassification.

17 MUSKET DRIVE - MS. MCNULTY

Ms. McNulty seeks a variance for an ejector pump that was previously installed. The McNulty's added a bathroom to their cellar without a building permit. When the McNulty's sold their house in May of 89 they were informed by the plumbing inspector that a variance was needed from the Board of Health in order to keep this ejector pump installed. An ejector pump below grade and prior to septic tank could accelerate or cause a system failure in the future. The Board has previously denied these pumps in the past. If this variance is not granted then the bathroom located in the basement would have to be removed. The Board also discussed imposing a new regulation that "no ejector pumps shall be permitted prior to a septic tank for a system only having one tank." However, they agreed they would talk about this further before they add this regulation to Acton's rules and regulations.

On a motion made by Mr. Heinrich, seconded by Mr. Glannon, the Board unanimously voted to deny this variance for an ejector pump.

9 BRUCEWOOD - DUNCAN WOOD

Mr. Wood is presently repairing his septic system located at 9 Brucewood Road. Mr. Wood needs a variance concerning the minimum leaching area as set forth in Table 1, Acton Board of Health regulation 11.15.1. Mr. Wood's problems with a repair are that the present location of the system would violate present setback requirements from the property line. Mr. Wood's front yard consists of fill. Title 5 requires that at least ten feet of fill in all directions should be removed and replaced with sand and gravel.

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best location for the system would be in the front yard with the only problem being that the longest possible leaching trenches would not be in compliance with today's standards. Mr. Halley recommends that we grant this variance with the condition being that Mr. Wood make the leaching trenches as long as possible. Mr. Halley also feels that the Board should take into consideration that Mr. Wood's system has already failed and that it could be posing as a potential health problem if it is not repaired. On a motion made by Mr. Heinrich, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously approved to grant this variance with the following conditions and that Mr. Halley approve the final plans submitted by Mr. Wood.

1. That they adhere to all other Board of Health rules and regulations and Title 5.
2. That the system be pumped once every two years.

The plans must include maximal length of trenches possible that Mr. Wood can put into place without violating setback regulations.

LOT 1 & 2 LISA LANE - JACK DUNPHY

Mr. Jack Dunphy seeks a waiver for Lots 1 & 2 Lisa Lane and also the other five (5) lots that form the Laws Brook Subdivision. In October of 1988 septic permits for work in the aquifer were granted with pressure dosing by the Health Department. Out of these seven (7) lots five (5) were approved and constructed without pressure dosing of the system. Also, the site was found to have contaminates under the soils and after an extensive study that was prepared by Pine & Swallow, pressure dosing was not recommended.

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously denied the request for reconsideration for the dosing condition that was imposed during the initial special permit in October 88.

BERGSON'S - 268 GREAT RD - JACK DUNPHY

The septic system at Bergson's is presently 17 years old. There has been indication that the septic system has failed. The owner, Mr. George Gould, requests that the Board grant a Special Permit for work in an aquifer and a waiver from Acton's rules and regulations. Mr. Gould would like to replace the presently failing leaching pits with two clusters of leaching galleries. Acton's rules and regulations require that there be two (2) square feet of leaching area per gallon of flow. Drainage lines were installed along Brook Street which prohibit the use of the expansion area for new leaching system. The dosing requirement for systems over 2500 gallons a day would not apply to leaching galleries. Bergson's system was originally designed for 58 seats but presently has 74 seats. The Board decided to table this until the next available meeting for further study by the department.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 10, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall in room 126. Mr. Emmons will be on vacation and unable to attend so if for any reason you will be unable to make the meeting please let me know for we will be unable to obtain a quorum. Thank you.

The following meeting will be held on July 24, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in room 126 of the Town Hall

On a motion made by Mr. Heinrich, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously moved to adjourn at 11:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Howe

Sheryl Howe, Secretary

Signed and Approved,

Joseph Giannon

Joseph Giannon, Chairman