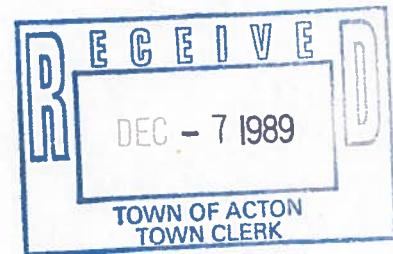


ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH

OCTOBER 16, 1989



MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Glannon (Chairman)

George Emmons

Gerhard Heinrich

Marilyn Hotch

Jonathan Bosworth (Associate)

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Halley

Steven Ward

Sheryl Howe

OTHERS PRESENT: Julia Stevens

Mr. Burtt

Stephanie Gay

Laurie J. Lusignan

Glenn W. Smith

The meeting opened at 7:40 P.M.

NURSING SERVICES TO MS. VIOLET TEMPLEMAN

Ms. Stevens presented the Board with a summary of the conditions that were imposed upon Mr. Burtt previously. Mr. Burtt has met all the conditions with the exception of garbage/rubbish pickup, payment of bill differentials and the extra companionship that Ms. Templeman needs. Ms. Templeman has in the past shown a need for daily social contact to prevent disorientation, and also expresses an insistent desire to remain at home. Therefore, Ms. Stevens feels that a companion is necessary for Ms. Templeman's health.

Mr. Burtt stated that he had difficulty in finding/hiring a companion for Ms. Templeman. Ms. Stevens volunteered to help Mr. Burtt find a suitable companion. Ms. Stevens stated that the Nursing Service should continue service to Ms. Templeman at this time and that Town Counsel should become involved in the collection of the unpaid bill differentials. Ms. Stevens feels that the differential should be collected because Ms. Templeman's assets may not have been fully disclosed and because the Nursing Service base their fees on the patients ability to pay.

Ms. Stevens also emphasized that the Home Health Aid is performing duties outside her job description by doing laundry, trash removal, and grocery shopping. The Board feels that whoever is hired by Mr. Burtt as a companion should assume these chores.

On a motion made by Mr. Heinrich, seconded by Mr. Emmons, the Board unanimously voted to continue service to Ms. Templeman with the requirement that rubbish disposal be arranged and that an expeditious search, with the help of the Nursing Service, be conducted for a home companion.

EMERSON HOSPITAL

Glenn Smith, Stephanie Gay, and Laurie Lusignan from Emerson Hospital attended the meeting in response to the letter that the Board sent to them questioning the number of referrals that they send to the Acton Public Health Nursing Service. Laurie Lusignan stated that Emerson has sent 52 referrals to A.P.H.N.S. of which 27 were old referrals and 25 were new referrals. This is an increase of 36% over the last year according to Ms. Lusignan. Each patient is released with a 3 page referral form with one copy sent to Ms. Stevens, one kept at Emerson, and one that the patient keeps. Ms. Lusignan also stressed that each patient is given a choice as to which home health aid service that they wish to use.

There is a difference in the number of referrals received by Julia and the number referred by Emerson. The Board is puzzled by this difference and suggested that the list of names of the patients should be released to Ms. Stevens in order for a comparison to be done. Emerson also agreed to a monthly meeting with Ms. Stevens to assure continued and improved coordination.

In closing Ms. Stevens stressed that the discharge referrals were very well done from Emerson.

28 CONANT STREET - SPECIAL PERMIT FOR WORK IN AN AQUIFER

The owner of the property at 28 Conant Street seeks a special permit for work in an aquifer. The perc rate is greater than 6 minutes per inch. The Board has in the past granted special permits without pressure dosing of the system in such cases.

On a motion made by Mr. Emmons, seconded by Mr. Heinrich, the Board unanimously voted to grant this special permit for work in the aquifer to 28 Conant Street 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 two years.
3. The site shall fully conform to the Town of Acton Hazardous Materials Control Bylaw.
4. The sewage disposal system for the proposed buildings at this site shall be approved by Acton Board of Health staff.
5. Sewage disposal system shall be a minimum 100 feet from flood plain and/or wetlands.

612 MASS. AVE. - VARIANCE

The owner of this property seeks a variance from breakout requirements of Title 5 Section 15.12. The lot is small and there is no way to build without a variance from the proper break out requirements. The owners have proposed a stone dust barrier.

On a motion made by Mr. Emmons, seconded by Mr. Heinrich, the Board unanimously voted to grant this variance from Title 5, Section 15.12 for breakout distance to allow use of two (2) stone dust barriers if required.

On a motion made by Mr. Emmons, seconded by Mr. Heinrich, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Howe

Sheryl Howe, Secretary

Signed and Approved,

Joseph Giannon

Joseph Giannon, Chairman