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ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 1993

MEMBERS PRESENT: William McInnis, Chairman
Jonathan Bosworth
Cordelia Alfaro
Mark Conoby

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Halley, Health Director
Rose Erdozaincy, Health Inspector
Valerie Sipprelle, Acting Secretary

The meeting was opened at 7:35 PM.

The minutes of the Board of Health meeting of June 14, 1993 were discussed, minor changes made, and then unanimously approved and accepted as presented.

20 WOOD LANE - IRRIGATION WELL VARIANCE

Doug Halley presented the Variance request by Lynn Hughes, 20 Wood Lane, for the installation of a private well in a public water supply area for irrigation purposes. As the Acton Water District has a ban on all underground water sprinklers, the Board, in the past, has determined that irrigation wells are not in conflict with the intent of the prohibition of these wells in a water supply district. The Health Department recommends that this Variance be granted with conditions.

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Mrs. Alfaro, the Board voted unanimously to GRANT this Variance subject to conditions noted.

40-70 SPRUCE STREET - VARIANCE

Mr. Halley presented the Variance request by Mabel McNiff, 48-70 Spruce Street, for the reconstruction of a septic system at this address. As there are site restrictions, the design of the septic system will provide for 1.45 square feet per gallon to be discharged, rather than the two square feet required. Acton Survey has submitted the septic design. The Health Department recommends that this Variance be granted with the condition that the septic system be built in accordance with the plan by Acton Survey. Mr. Conoby suggested that this system be pumped and inspected yearly.

On a motion made by Mr. Bosworth, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board voted unanimously to GRANT this Variance subject to conditions noted.

13 WINTER STREET - VARIANCE

Mr. Halley presented the request by Julia Koranda of 13 Winter Street for the Board to consider granting a Variance from 310 CMR 15.14 to allow the construction of a septic system with a clay barrier as due to high groundwater and site restrictions the break out requirements of Title 5 cannot be met. The applicant proposes a 2' wide clay barrier, extending 4' below the lowest leaching portion of the septic system as compensation for the inability to meet the specifications of 310 CMR 15.14.

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Mrs. Alfaro, the Board voted unanimously to GRANT this Variance.

FROZEN DESSERT APPLICATION FEE

Ms. Chen of Joyce Chen Unlimited, 423 Great Road, wrote to the Board of Health requesting the establishment of a new fee for the type of frozen dessert operation she wishes to start at 423 Great Road. She proposes to have a small freezer with prepackaged frozen desserts which do not require as much inspection time as establishments such as McDonald's, D'Angelo's and Burger King, which take much greater inspection time. After reviewing Ms. Chen's request, the Health Department concurs with this assessment that the fee is high for her type of operation. The Department recommends that a new fee of \$30.00 be established for the inspection of prepackaged frozen desserts.

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Mrs. Alfaro, the Board recommends to present a new fee to the Selectmen for prepackaged, Frozen Desserts.

"INFILTRATOR" USE REQUEST/28 WILLOW STREET

The Health Department received a request from Mr. Lon Nichols regarding the use of an "Infiltrator" system to repair a septic system on 28 Willow Street. D.E.P. has recently given approval for the use of these types of systems and no longer requires stone to be placed around any leaching structure. After reviewing the "Infiltrator" information, the Health Department recommends that the Board allow this system to be used only on project that are replacing an existing failed septic system, the use of the "Infiltrator" will not change the minimum requirements of Article 11, the "Infiltrator" will only be used in areas where the percolation rate is less than 6 minutes per inch, and use of a molded high density polyethylene Distribution Box shall be prohibited. The Board discussed the new policy of allowing the use of "Infiltrator" systems and was in agreement that they should be allowed with the conditions set forth. Mr. Conoby further suggested that these systems be allowed use subject to Department review.

On a motion made by Mr. Bosworth, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board voted unanimously to recommend the use of "Infiltrator" systems as new policy.

BOARD OF HEALTH REORGANIZATION

The Board Members unanimously reappointed William McInnis Chairman for the 1993-1994 term. Jonathan Bosworth was unanimously voted the new Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Halley mentioned that the Nursing Service has received a request from a Mrs. Ember's of Olde Surrey Lane for \$300.00 to assist with a smokeless tobacco informational program to be presented through the Acton School system. The Board Members support this gift which will provide literature and other materials for this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 16, 1993.

Valerie J. Sippelle
Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Sippelle, Acting Secretary

William McInnis
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Board of Health Chairman