



Acton Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023

7:30 PM.

Hybrid, Room 204 and Zoom

Present:

Members Present: Mark Conoby and William McInnis.

Virtual Associate Members Present: Dr. William Taylor, Michael Kreuze and Dr. Rekha Singh were not present.

Staff Present: Sheryl Ball-Health Director, Matthew Dow and Felix Garcia, Public Health Inspector

Others Present: Alissa Nicol, Select Board Liaison, Jim D'Agostine, Sam Bajwa, Komal Bajwa, Stephan Marsh, call in user_1(Terra Friedrichs) and Mark Burrell atty

Others Present Virtually:

1. Opening

Chairman – Mark Conoby opened the meeting at 7:31 P.M. A script was read that was provided by the Town and this meeting of the Board of Health was called to order.

2. Regular Business

Board Member Future Agenda Items

None

Health Director Update

Ms. Ball stated that Household Hazardous Waste Day was a success, serving 247 cars and the collection of 62 tires by Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP).

Ms. Ball stated that CMMCP has been responding to the resident's requests for spraying and started that program on June 1, 2023. Ms. Ball also stated that in January they conducted stream cleaning and brush cutting. Ms. Ball stated that the State began testing mosquitoes for WNV and EEE on June 12, 2023. Ms. Ball further stated that Acton is identified by the state as low risk for both EEE and West Nile but recommended that residents use personal protection measures like



EPA repellent, remove standing water and wear appropriate clothing when outdoors at high risk times like dawn and dusk.

Ms. Ball stated that as part of a grant for Littleton, Acton and Boxborough we have had our second NARA stroll and snacks and all is going really well. The intent of the grant is to connect people together and Ms. Ball is pleased that people are engaging with each other and exchanging contact information.

The Board asked how inspections for camps and pools are going. Mr. Dow stated that we about 18 semi-public pools open and camps applications have been reviewed and we have started opening them. The Board also asked about Title 5 inspections and Ms. Ball stated that there is not a lot of homes for sale so they have slowed down a bit but we are currently on target for this fiscal year.

The Board also asked if we have made progress with someone to speak to the Board about beaver control concerns that were brought up at the last meeting. Ms. Ball stated that she received a name and number from Tom Tidman and will contact him to see if he is available.

The Board also asked if inspections were scheduled for the three hazardous materials applications the Board approved at their last meeting. Ms. Ball stated that two have been scheduled but we are waiting for the Lab at 125 Nagog Park to retrofit their space and the inspection will occur prior to start up.

The Board also stated that they would like to establish short and long term goals for this coming year and some of the suggestions were; health promotions, joint collaborative events, working with the underserved population, wastewater needs, addressing the sodium levels in Acton's water, vaccine clinics, naloxone program, etc.

Nursing – Update

Ms. Ball informed the Board neither Ms. York or Ms. Salomon were available to update the Board tonight but Ms. York provided an update that Ms. Ball read.

Ms. Ball stated that we have had 6 confirmed cases of COVID 19 with no cases of influenza since the last meeting two weeks ago. Ms. Ball further stated that both Benchmark at Robbins Brook and Life Care center have no current cases of COVID.

92B Willow Street - Appeal

Ms. Ball informed the Board that the tenants could not attend tonight due to an injury. The Board stated that they will continue this until the next Board of Health meeting. The Board stated that they would like to ask the tenants to provide information as to the basis of their appeal for inclusion in the Board packet. The chair reminded the Board that this appeal speaks to the Board's order to condemn and vacate, not the violations that exist on site. The owners and the owner's representatives were present this evening and agreed to the continuance that staff will



schedule for next week as the tenants need to be present. On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to continue this hearing until June 26 or 27, 2023. The meeting will be held virtually and in person. The Chair took roll call and all were in favor.

Ms. Friedrichs thanked the Board for continuing until next week so the tenants can be present.

Minutes – June 6, 2023

The Board tabled this vote until the next BOH meeting.

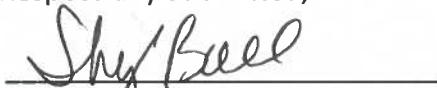
Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:06 PM. The Chair took roll call and all were in favor.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting;

- Town of Acton script for boards and committees opening meeting
- Board of Health agenda
- 92B Willow Street – Appeal Request from Tenants, Letter from Health and inspection reports. Letter from owner's attorney
- Minutes from 6-6-2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheryl Ball
Acton Board of Health



Mark Conoby, Chairman
Acton Board of Health