

Acton Board of Health  
September 10, 2018

Members Present: Joanne Bissetta- Chairman, Michael Kreuze, William Taylor,  
William McInnis and Mark Conoby

Staff Present: Sheryl Ball- Health Director  
Weiyuan Sun- Health Administrator

Others Present: Katie Green, William Clougherty, David Greehalgh, Mathias Rosenfeld  
and Peggy Mikkola

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Vice Chairman, Dr. Taylor. Joanne Bissetta arrived shortly after the meeting was opened; however, the Vice Chair still ran the meeting.

**Minutes**

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated June 25, 2018.

On a motion made by Mr. Kreuze, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated July 16, 2018 with corrections.

**Beaver Trapping Permit – 693 Massachusetts Ave**

The Health Department has received a request for a ten day beaver trapping permit for the property located at 693 Massachusetts Ave. The owners of the property, Acton Water District seek to trap beavers that have caused flooding on the property in close proximity to the Town's drinking water wells. The Health Department determined that a public health threat exists and recommended that the Board approve a ten day beaver trapping permit, beginning on September 11, 2018, giving the Town and its agent the right to use restricted traps and breach the dams or dikes subject to the conditions of the Conservation Commission.

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Mr. Kreuze, the Board unanimously voted to approve a beaver trapping permit for the property located on 693 Massachusetts Ave on September 11, 2018 for a period of ten days.

**Approval- West Side Creamery- 537 Massachusetts Ave**

The Health Department received a request from the owners of David Greenhalgh of the West Side Creamery seeking a variance from the Title 5 , section 310 CMR 15.230: pretreatment Units- Greases Traps to allow for the installation of an internal grease trap only. The West Side Creamery will be making home- made ice cream as well as limited baked goods, and have proposed using the Big Dipper, model W-500, in lieu of an external grease trap. This unit is larger than an internal grease trap and the Health Department recommends approval the variance with use of paper products and limited food preparation. On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Mr. McInnis, the Board voted to approve the variance with conditions as noted. The vote was 4-1 with Mr. Kreuze in opposition. Motion passed.

1. The Big dipper shall be alarmed, as well as monitored daily for grease levels.

2. The Big Dipper shall be inspected monthly, and shall be cleaned whenever the level of grease is 25% of the effective depth of the trap, or at least every three months, whichever is sooner.
3. Disposable/recyclable bowls and silverware shall be used.
4. The West Side Creamery shall be limited to baked goods and ice cream.
5. Approval is limited to the West Side Creamery only. No other uses will be allowed.

**Health Division Status**

**4 Cherry Ridge Road** -The Town of Acton owns this property as it was taken by non payment of taxes, however Town Meeting recently allowed the town to sell the property. An RFP was sent out with the condition that the house be sold to a disabled veteran and family. The Builder, Mr. Mark Starr has requested a waiver of Health Department fees. The Board mentioned that this issue is not related to the Health and stated that it is up to the Selectmen to waive the fee.

**Fall 2018 -The Household Hazardous Waste Day 9/8/2018** - Household Hazardous Waste Day was held on September 8, 2018 and we had 251 cars. The Acton residents were very impressed as lines moved quickly and the event was very organized.

**West Nile**


Mosquito spraying took place on Friday evening 9/7/2018 due to mosquitoes testing positive for the West Nile Virus and approximately 71 streets sprayed. The Town of Acton had a reverse 911 message that was sent to all impacted residents and information was placed on the town website.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mr. Kreuze, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Weiyuan Sun  
Acton Board of Health

  
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Dr. Taylor, William-Vice Chairman,  
Acton Board of Health