



Acton Board of Health

Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019
7:30 P.M.

ROOM 9, TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET

Present:

Members Present: Dr. William Taylor-Chairman, Dr. Rekha Singh, William McInnis, and Dr. Thomas Jacoby
Absent – Joanne Bissetta, Michael Kreuze and Mark Conoby

Associate Members: Dr. Rekha Singh voting for Michael Kreuze
Dr. Thomas Jacoby voting for Mark Conoby

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

Other Present: David Martin and Peggy Mikkola

1. Opening

Chair - Dr. William Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis seconded by Dr. Jacoby, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated July 15, 2019 with corrections.

B. Director-Operational Update

- Ms. Ball informed the Board that the Fall 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on September 7, 2019
- Ms. Ball informed the Board that she reached out to the Acton Water District regarding PFOS (Perfluorooctane sulfonate) in water in response to the Boston Globe article. The Water District has tested their water and found acceptable levels, however, they feel that at a minimum the DEP will be requiring the two superfund sites to begin a testing protocol sometime this fall. In addition, the DEP is in the process of changing the maximum level from 70/ppt to 20 ppt and establishing as a drinking water standard in the next 9 months. Ms. Ball also mentioned that the towns of Littleton and Ayer have identified the contaminants in their drinking water supply. The Acton Water District will test public water in



this coming fall, especially the south Acton wells that are located closest to the Superfund sites.

- Board members recommended that the VCC appoint Ms. Joanne Bissetta as BOH member on September 9, 2019. During the meeting, Mr. Martin mentioned that if anyone has any concerns for Ms. Bissetta, please email him.

3. New/Special Business

A. Authorization for Cremation Care- Chapter 203- An Act Related to The Cremation of Certain Unclaimed Bodies

The Health Department is in receipt of a request for an Acton resident that passed away the beginning of July, 2019. Unfortunately, there are no living relatives to claim the body. Based on legislation that was passed in 2018 by Chapter 203, the Board of Health may duly serve as the authorized representative for the purpose of requesting cremation on unclaimed remains by signing a cremation form. On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Dr. Singh, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Dr. William Taylor, Chairman to sign the Authorization and Acknowledgments for Pre-Cremation; Cremation and Post- Cremation Care Form.

B. Article 11-BOH Rules and Regulations

The Board continued discussion of the proposed Article 11-BOH Rules and Regulations. The Health Department brought this before the Board for discussion only as changes were made to the draft. The Board discussed some proposed changes. The Health Department will schedule a public hearing.

C. Onsite Wastewater System Policy Update

The Board continued discussion of the proposed Onsite Wastewater System Policy. The Health Department brought this before the Board for discussion only as changes were made to the draft. It was decided to hold off on approval until after the public hearing for the changes in Article 11.

4. Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Dr. Jacoby, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:23 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting;

- Memo From Sheryl Ball, Board of Health Duly Authorized Representative, An Act relative to Cremation
- Article 11- BOH Rules and Regulations
- Onsite Wastewater System Policy Update
- Memo From Sheryl Ball, Proposed PFOS(Perfluorooctane Sulfonate)



- Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Weiyuan Sun
Acton Board of Health

Dr. William Taylor- Chairman,
Acton Board of Health