

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

JUNE 10, 1991



MEMBERS PRESENT: George Emmons (Chairman)
Gerhard Heinrich
Joseph Glannon
Jonathan Bosworth

STAFF PRESENT: Alan Perry
Sheryl Howe

OTHERS PRESENT: Donald Higgins
John Rhillinger

553 MASS. AVE. - MOBIL OIL CORPORATION - VARIANCE & SPECIAL PERMIT:

Mobil Oil proposes to reconstruct the septic system located at 553 Mass. Avenue. The existing building will be demolished and a new 1200 square foot snack shop area is proposed. The site is located in Zone 3 of the aquifer approximately 4,200 feet from the Water District wells. The existing gas station is a confirmed hazardous waste disposal site. A

proposal to remediate the site has been approved previously by the Board of Health and waits approval by the D.E.P. The proposed recovery well will only be 7 1/2 feet from the proposed reserve leaching area and sixteen (16) feet from the primary leaching area. The Board discussed these close distances and questioned whether there were other alternatives. The Board is extremely concerned with possible contamination. The recovery well will not be utilized as a drinking water well, however the discharge will go into a filtered catch basin which leads into wetlands. A variance from State Regulations 310 CMR 15.03 (7) Distances (1)(2) will need to be obtained. The State requires a 100 foot setback from the well to the leaching area.

The primary leaching area will be ten feet from a proposed water tight trench drain as well as twenty two feet from an existing catch basin and drain line. A variance from State regulations 310 CMR 15.03 is also required. The size of the lot is small and the proposed system was designed for 1.48 square feet per gallon discharged rather than the required 2 square feet. A variance from Acton regulations 11-15.10 is required.

The Board recommends that Bayside Engineering, engineer for the proposed plan, seek further information regarding the recovery wells. The Board also recommends that the proposed design be examined to see if the leaching trench could be located further away from the recovery well.

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to table this variance and special permit request pending further information.

LUCY SAIA - APHNS - POLICIES, NEW FEES & DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION MEETING:

Ms. Saia presented the Board with three amended policies that were previously before the Board for their approval. The three (3) policies were Acceptance of Patients to Service, Reconsideration Hearing, and Discharge of Patients from the Acton Public Health Nursing Service. The Board discussed the corrections and voted to accept two (2) of the policies. Mr. Glannon stated that in the Reconsideration Hearing when a person decides to appeal the termination of service they should be allowed to stay on service until a decision is made. The Board stated that an additional phrase needs to be added to the Reconsideration Policy and that it should be brought back to the Board for approval.

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Acceptance of Patients to Service and Discharge of Patients from the Acton Public Health Nursing Service policy.

Ms. Saia recommends that the Board vote to accept lower fees for the Home Health Aide and Nursing Service visit. The current fees are \$85.00 for Nursing Visit and \$35.00 for Home Health Aide. Ms. Saia recommends lowering these rates to \$75.00 for Nursing Visit and \$30.00 for Home Health Aide Visit. Ms. Saia feels these rates should be lowered to reduce the pyaback to Medicare.

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Mr. Heinrich, the Board unanimously voted to adjust the Nursing Visit fee to \$75.00 and the Home Health Aide Visit to \$30.00.

Ms. Saia discussed the results of the evaluation meeting with the Board. Some recommendations of the evaluation meeting were that the nursing service should become computerized and also for the necessity of an occupational therapist. Ms. Saia has received bids from computer companies which are presently under review by the Town Manager. Ms. Saia also stated that Medicare will soon prefer to be billed electronically. The Nursing Service would also like to hand out questionnaires to past and present patients in order to determine client satisfaction.

17 GRASSHOPPER LANE - SPECIAL PERMIT:

The owner of 17 Grasshopper Lane seeks a special permit for the construction of a septic system. The proposed system will be in Zone 3 of the aquifer and is approximately 7,080 feet from the nearest town well. The percolation rate on site is less than 2 minutes per inch and groundwater was found at six (6) feet.

On a motion made by Mr. Heinrich, seconded by Mr. Glannon, the Board unanimously voted to grant a special permit for work in an aquifer for the proposed construction of a sewage disposal system at 17 Grasshopper Lane 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. Leaching facility shall be designed and installed with pressure dosing of the system, said pressure dosing to be designed in accordance with State Environmental Code or a minimum of six foot separation from the bottom of the septic system to groundwater shall be provided.
6. Sewage disposal system shall be a minimum 100 feet from flood plain and/or wetlands.
7. Floor drains are not permitted.

264 CENTRAL STREET -- SPECIAL PERMIT:

The owner of the property located at 264 Central Street seeks a special permit for work in an aquifer. The proposed repair of the septic system is in Zone 3 of the aquifer and groundwater was found at 4 1/2 feet.

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unaimously voted to grant a special permit for work in an aquifer to 264 Central Street with the following conditions:

1. No underground fuel storage tanks shall be permitted on the site.
2. Septic tank shall be pumped a minium 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 building at this site shall be approved by Acton Board of Health staff.
5. Leaching facility shall be designed and installed with pressure dosing of the system, said pressure dosing to be designed in accordance with State Environmental Code.
6. Sewage disposal system shall be a minimum 100 feet from flood plain and/or wetlands.
7. Floor drains are not permitted.

57 WINDSOR AVE - SPECIAL PERMIT:

The owner of the property located at 57 Windsor Ave. seeks a special permit for work in an aquifer. The site is located in Zone 3 of the aquifer and is approximately 4,000 feet from the nearest well.

On a motion made by Mr. Heinrich, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to grant a special permit for work in an aquifer to 57 Windsor Ave. 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 building at this site shall be approved by Acton Board of Health staff.
5. Leaching facility shall be designed and installed with pressure dosing of the system, said pressure dosing to be designed in accordance with State Environmental Code.
6. Sewage disposal system shall be a minimum 100 feet from flood plain and/or wetlands.
7. Floor drains are not permitted.

468 MAIN STREET - VARIANCE - EXCESSIVE PERCOLATION RATE:

The owner of the property seeks a variance from Acton Rules and Regulations 11-15.1 to allow the reconstruction of a septic system with a percolation rate of 28 minutes per inch. The Health Department recommended that this

system be oversized using a percolation rate of 30 minutes per inch. The proposed septic system is located in the best possible area. The proposed system will replace a failing cesspool and will be a great improvement,

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to grant a variance from Acton Rules and Regulations 11-15.1 to 468 Main Street to allow a reconstruction of a septic system with a percolation rate of 28 minutes per inch in accordance with plan designed by Bradford Leach, Jr. dated May 31, 1991.

On a motion made by Mr. Heinrich, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:38 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

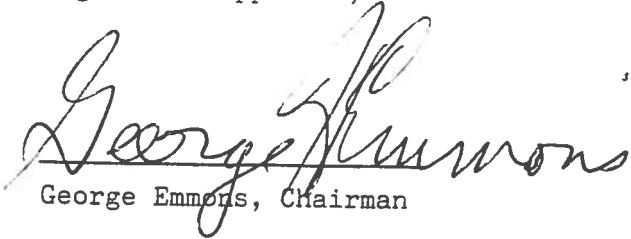
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 24, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 126 of the town hall. The following meeting will be held on July 8, 1991 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheryl Howe, Secretary

Signed and Approved,



George Emmons, Chairman