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ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

MARCH 23, 1992

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Bosworth (Chairman)
Cordelia Alfaro
James Barbato
Mark Conoby
Bill McInnis (Associate)

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Halley (Health Director)
Sheryl Ball

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph Glannon
Sandra Whaley
Betsy Eldridge
Michael Bradley
Kevin B. Sweeney
Harry Donahue

The meeting opened at 7:34 P.M.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Ms. Alfaro, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of February 24, 1992 following corrections.

LEAD SCREENING POLICY:

Comments on the Lead Screening Program Policy from Carol Caulton, Lead Screening Nurse for the State, were discussed by the Board. On a motion made by Mr. Barbato, seconded by Ms. Alfaro, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Lead Screening Program Policy following minor corrections.

ACTON SURVEY & ENGINEERING - GREAT HILL PRESENTATION:

Harry Donahue, representing Acton Survey & Engineering, gave a presentation on behalf of Kevin Sweeney regarding proposed design plans for Great Hill Village. Mr. Sweeney is presently proposing twenty-five (25) three or four bedroom single family residences. Gas, water and drain lines have previously been installed along with all septic tanks from the original proposal and six (6) leaching fields. Mr. Donahue stated that in order to utilize the existing leaching fields a condominium association will need to be formed. All proposed dwellings would use a shared leaching system as part of a condominium association. Each home will have their own septic tank which they will be required to pump which would then be connected to the shared condominium leaching system.

Mr. Sweeney stated that the proposed development would have 60% of the land open space under the planning board approval. Part of this land might be donated to the town with the possibility of a proposed sewage treatment plant for South Acton.

Mr. Donahue inquired about the possibility of the Board allowing a variance from Acton regulation 11.15.1 to use less than the required two (2) square feet per gallon discharged. Mr. Donahue would like to utilize Title 5 requirements.

With the existing leaching fields under Acton regulations approximately 73 bedrooms could be utilized and using Title 5 design requirements of 1.5 sq ft per gallon approximately 98 bedrooms could be utilized. Mr. Sweeney would like approval for 98 bedrooms. The Board stated that a formal request and complete plan for this variance should be brought to the Board for further consideration.

A few residents of South Acton were also present at the meeting to discuss their views regarding this proposal. This area has been identified as a historical district and the residents are concerned that this new development will not "fit in". These residents would like to see a more creative development built on this lot. Mr. Sweeney stated that his proposal is economically beneficial and a more creative development would not be.

Mr. Sweeney would like to start construction in the late summer or early fall.

ACTON COLLISION CENTER - 30 STOW STREET - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PERMIT:

Acton Collision Center located at 30 Stow Street seeks a hazardous materials storage permit. The primary form of business at this site is automobile body repair. Paints, paint thinners, toluene and xylene are the main hazardous materials stored on site. During an inspection conducted by the Health Department it was noted that no floor drains exist in the open bay area or within the spray booth. The Health Department does, however, recommend a concrete containment area around the paint storage cabinet and the hazardous waste drum be constructed. There are also four (4) drums stored outside which have been contracted to be picked up by a licensed hazardous material removal company. The Health Department recommends granting a hazardous materials storage permit.

On motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Mr. Barbato, the Board unanimously voted to grant a hazardous materials storage permit to Acton Collision Center, 30 Stow Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. All drums and containers storing hazardous materials must be properly labelled.
2. Protective coveralls, solvent resistant gloves, goggles and boots, in addition to soap and water, shall be made available to all employees at all times in any hazardous material storage or use area.
3. Where sanding or grinding of metal takes place, employees must use air filtering respirators.
4. Secondary containment, 110% of material stored, shall be constructed around the paint storage cabinet and the hazardous waste drum in the spray booth area.

5. Emergency procedures, should a spill occur, shall be posted in full view of all employees.
6. Any corroded drum(s) on site shall be removed by a licensed hazardous materials hauler within thirty days.
7. A "No-Smoking" sign shall be placed wherever hazardous materials are stored or used.
8. A contingency plan showing emergency contact numbers (Health, D.E.P., Police, Fire, etc.) that should be notified if a spill of hazardous materials and wastes are stored, shall be submitted within thirty days.
9. A comprehensive and up to date plan, designating where hazardous materials and wastes are stored, shall be submitted within thirty days.
10. Speedy dry or its equivalent shall be placed in hazardous storage and work areas.
11. Copies of all manifests for any hazardous materials or wastes, received, transported off-site, disposed of, shall be submitted annually to the Board of Health.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the letter from the Town of Concord seeking endorsement from the Town of Acton regarding a grant proposal for the implementation of water supply protection study. The Board requested further information before an endorsement can be made.

The Board also discussed the possibility of adopting an attendance policy for Board members.

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Mr. Barbato, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:36 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 13, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 126 of the Town Hall. The following meeting will be held on April 27, 1992.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Ball

Signed and Approved,

Jonathan Bosworth
Jonathan Bosworth, Chairman