



ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH

NOVEMBER 4, 1991

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Bosworth (Chairman)
Cordelia Alfaro
James Barbato
Mark Conoby
Doug Miller (Associate)

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Halley (Health Director)
Sheryl Howe

OTHERS PRESENT: Lucy Saia

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Halley updated the new Board members with numerous variances that the Board has consistently granted in the past.

EXXON - 289 MAIN STREET - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS VARIANCE:

Exxon previously requested to the Board that they be granted a variance from the Hazardous Materials Control Bylaw. The bylaw defines abnormal loss of material or waste as a loss greater than .05% of the material stored over a period of one month. Exxon feels that a .05% figure is too low. Mr. Halley asked Exxon to supply more information regarding an abnormal loss greater than .05%.

Exxon is present before the Board again tonight to seek a variance. Exxon submitted regulations from the State of Connecticut, Maine and Rhode Island. These State regulations require that an abnormal loss be reported when the loss is from .5% to 1.0% on any consecutive seven day period. Mr. Halley stated that this variance application should be tabled until a future meeting so that the new Board members can familiarize themselves with the Hazardous Material Control Bylaw.

ACTON PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE - POLICIES:

Ms. Saia introduced herself to the new Board members and briefly discussed how the Nursing Service operates.

Ms. Saia, Administrator/Supervisor of the Acton Public Health Nursing Service, presented the Board with three policies that need approval. The three policies are Massachusetts Health Care Proxy Law/Advance Directives, Patient Evaluation and Treatment - Plan Development. and Lead Screening.

The Board reviewed these policies and made some minor corrections. The Board asked Ms. Saia to make these corrections. The Board would also like more time to review these policies. Mr. Halley stated that we could bring these policies in front of the Board again at the next meeting. The Board was in favor of doing this.

WELL VARIANCE - LOT P-1 GREAT ROAD:

Acton Survey & Engineering, representative of the owner, seeks a variance to allow the installation of a private well in a public water supply. The proposed well will be used for drinking water purposes. The site is in zone 3 of the aquifer approximately 1,800 feet upgradient to the Conant Well. The owners would face extreme hardship if they had to tie into the public water supply. Tying into the public water supply would involve:

1. The tapping of a 16" water main.
2. The crossing of a State Highway (Great Rd).
3. The installation of a pipe within a wetland area.
4. Crossing under an existing stream.
5. The installation of approximately 1050 feet of service pipe to reach the proposed four (4) bedroom dwelling.

The Board has granted variances in the past similar to this request.

On a motion made by Mr. Barbato, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to grant a variance to allow the installation of a private well in a public water supply at Lot P-1 Great Road with the following conditions:

1. The proposed well shall be a bedrock well.
2. A bacterial analysis shall be conducted annually and a chemical analysis shall be conducted every three years with a report of the results of those analysis' submitted to the Board of Health.
3. Any test results greater than 50% of the allowed state and federal requirements shall be retested within thirty (30) days. Any test that exceeds state standards shall cause immediate implementation of a filtering program to remove the identified contaminants, the redrilling of a new well or the connection into a public water supply system.

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 11 - SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTOR REGULATIONS:

Mr. Halley discussed with the Board members the proposed amendments to Article 11. Mr. Halley would like the Board to review these amendments so they may be discussed in detail at a future meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Barbato, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 18, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall. The following meeting will be held on December 9, 1991.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Howe

Signed and Approved,

Jonathan Bosworth
Jonathan Bosworth, Chairman