

Acton Board of Health

September 10, 2007

Members Present: William McInnis, Chairman, Pam Harting-Barrat, Member, Joanne Bissetta and Phil Alvarez, Associate voting for open position.

Staff Present: Brent Reagor and Sheryl Ball.

Others Present: Bonnie Donahue, Margaret Pfeiffer, Jay Peabody, Richard Dolan and Peg Mikola, League Representative

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Harting-Barrat, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of August 13, 2007 with corrections.

Show Cause Public Hearing – Quail Ridge Country Club

Mr. McInnis declared the public hearing open. Mr. Reagor stated that Town Counsel and the applicant have asked for a continuance in order for both parties to have a little more time. On a motion made by Dr. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to continue the Show Case public Hearing the show cause until September 24, 2007.

Public Hearing – Article 19 – Wastewater Regulations

Mr. McInnis asked the Board if they had comments on the proposed Wastewater Regulations. Mr. Alvarez suggested that footnotes be added to reference the definitions. Mr. Reagor stated the final copy of the regulations that are in front of the Board tonight reflect some change of wording and they were compared to the State's draft groundwater discharge regulations.. On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, seconded by Dr. Harting-Barrat, the board unanimously voted to

promulgate Article 19 – Waste Water Regulations with an effective date thirty days from this evening as amended.

Variance – 60 Great Road

Mr. Reagor stated that a Dentist is proposing to utilize the whole ground floor of the building located at 60 Great Road which is currently vacant space. The dentist would like approval for a total of nine (9) chairs. The dentist has provided water flow records from his office in Quincy that show the use is approximately 15 gallons per day utilizing a dry water system. The site also has three-one bedroom apartments on the top floor of the building. Based on this information a new septic system has been designed for a total of 1000 gallons per day. The Board discussed the new technology dentists use (dry systems) and stated that they would be comfortable with allowing this use conditioned upon the addition of a I/A system if water records show use above 1000 gallons per day. It was stated that to add the I/A system the only requirement would be a jet tank which can be easily installed. On a motion made by Dr. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to approve a design flow of 1000 gallons per day for this facility, with a system to be designed in accordance with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall submit a design, stamped by a Registered Sanitarian or Professional engineer to the Health Department for review with the appropriate applications and fees.
2. The owner of the property shall submit the winter (October-March) water usage to the Health Department on an annual basis.
3. The applicant shall install an onsite wastewater treatment system with a MassDEP approved treatment system, either as a replacement/addition for the septic tank or a replacement/addition for the disposal area.

Variance – 132 Nonset Path

The applicants for the property located at 132 Nonset Path is here tonight to determine if this property is a three bedroom. The applicants are seeking clarification and the Board's determination as to whether the initial intent was that this home be a three bedroom. This home is connected to the North Acton Treatment Plant which is currently under a moratorium that does not allow an increase in flow. The Department has reviewed all historical data on this property and based on their findings believes that this property was always a three bedroom home as

assessors and building records reflect. The Health Department recommends approval of this request. On a motion made by Dr. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Mr. Alvarez, the Board moved to correct the record to the property located at 132 Nonset Path to reflect that the septic permit show a three(3) bedroom home.

Board Re-Organization

Mr. McInnis stated that both Bill Taylor and Joanne Bissetta have expressed interest in being Vice Chairman. Mr. McInnis recommended that the Board appoint Dr. Taylor as Chairman as he is the more senior member and Ms. Bissetta as the Vice Chairman. The Board tabled voting on this until Dr. Taylor was in attendance.

Other

- Mr. Reagor announced his departure with the Town of Acton as he has taken a position as a Health Director with the Town of Concord.
- Hazardous Waste Day – looking for volunteers.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Dr. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Ball, Health Secretary
Acton Board of Health

William McInnis, Chairman
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