

## **Acton Board of Health**

**March 26, 2007**

Members Present: William McInnis, Chairman, Dr. Bill Taylor and Joanne Bissetta, Member

Staff Present: Doug Halley, Health Director and Sheryl Ball.

Others Present: Peg Mikola, League Observer, Scott Hayes, Myong Hunt and Shean Marley

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m.

### **Minutes**

On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of January 22, 2007 as written.

On a motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Joanne Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 12, 2007 with corrections.

### **Lot 2 Partridge Pond – Variance**

The Health Department is in receipt of a variance request from Article 9-6.4 to allow for the installation of a private drinking water well for a new home to be constructed at Lot 2 Partridge Pond Road. The Health Department has reviewed the plans and finds that Lot 2 Partridge Pond was created when the owner of 49 Taylor Road subdivided their property. The Water District public water supply line is only available on Taylor Road. Mr. McInnis asked if this property abuts Taylor Road. Mr. Scott Hayes, Engineer, stated that they looked at getting an easement to run service through the existing homes property on Taylor Road, however, the Water District wouldn't let them as they require installation of an 8" water main run down Partridge Pond at an approximate cost of approximately \$25,000 without taking into account the possible removal of bedrock ledge. It was noted that the existing homes on Partridge Pond currently have private

wells. Dr. Taylor asked about the quality of water a well gives. Mr. Halley assured Dr. Taylor that prior to sign off the well needs to be tested and the results are submitted to the Health Department for review.

On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to grant a variance from Article 9-6.4 to the property located at Lot 2 Partridge Pond with the following conditions:

1. Installation of the well shall be in compliance with all applicable state and local regulations.
2. Initial water quality tests shall be performed by a DEP certified lab and shall also include analyses for Volatile Organic Compounds (EPA method 624) and Perchlorate. This testing shall be submitted to the Health Department prior to approval of the occupancy permit
3. The primary purpose of this well is to provide potable water for domestic uses, and the well shall only serve the facility located at Lot 2 Partridge Pond.

### **Nursing Service – Interviews**

There are two candidates for the position of Nursing Administrator, Myong Hunt and Shean Marley. Both candidates have interviewed with Doug Halley, Health Director and Kathleen Ford, Interim Administrator. The Board questioned each candidate as to their previous employment, education, management skills and overall experience in the public sector and what they see in regards to the needs of the Acton Public Health Nursing Service. Both candidates expressed their desire to work in the Public Sector as both are currently working in the private sector. Mr. Marley was the only applicant that has previously worked in the public sector and was the most knowledgeable about Medicare Billing and the day to day operations of a public health nursing service. Based on their answers to the questions posed, the Board stated that Mr. Marley was the more experienced candidate and the preferred choice for the position. The Board recommended that Mr. Marley be interviewed by the Town Manager.

**Town Meeting Update - WRAC**

The Board stated that Ms. Bissetta will represent the Board at Town Meeting regarding Article #24 for the sewer feasibility article as Ms. Bissetta is a member of WRAC (Water Resource Advisory Committee) that was formed to look at this. On a motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to support and endorse the sewer articles at Town Meeting.

**Other**

Tobacco Regulations - Mr. McInnis presented the Board with a copy of his revisions to Tobacco Regulations. Mr. McInnis gave the Board a copy with the marked revisions to show what changes he made. Mr. McInnis stated that he eliminated some language to make the regulations more consistent and also added some definitions, and also added his revisions to the buffer zone and fines. Mr. McInnis asked the Board members to make any revisions and submit them to Mr. Halley for inclusion in packet for the April 23, 2007 meeting.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sheryl Ball, Health Secretary  
Acton Board of Health

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William McInnis, Chairman  
Acton Board of Health