



MINUTES

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH

AUGUST 13, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Emmons (Chairman)
Joseph Glannon
Marilyn Hotch

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Halley (Health Director)
Sheryl Howe

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Apfelbaum
Michael Coppolino
Nancy Coppolino
Michael Coppolino, Jr.

MINUTES:

On a motion made Mr. Glannon, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously accepted the minutes of July 9, 1990.

22 WASHINGTON DRIVE - VARIANCE -DISTANCE FROM SPRINKLER LINES TO SEPTIC SYSTEM:

The owner of the property, Mr. Apfelbaum, came before the Board of Health to request a variance to allow the existing underground sprinkler system to be within ten (10) feet of a septic system. Mr. Apfelbaum previously appeared before the Board on July 9, 1990. At that time, the Board tabled the variance request until an opinion from the State could be obtained. The State in a memo dated August 2, 1990 classified the underground sprinkler system and open sprinkler heads as a water supply line which would require a 10 foot distance to the septic system. Mr. Apfelbaum stated the system has a backflow device, a requirement of the Acton Water District, which prevents contamination from entering the main water supply line.

Mr. Halley recommended removal of the two sprinkler heads that are within ten (10) feet of the septic system and the two sprinkler lines that directly cross the septic system. The Health Department feels that the sprinkler heads and sprinkler lines present risks to the water supply as well as to the existing system.

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously voted to grant a variance to Mr. Apfelbaum, 22 Washington Drive, which would allow the retention of the sprinkler head that is approximately eight feet from the septic system and any sprinkler lines that do not directly cross the septic system.

6 MYRTLE DRIVE - HEARING AND/OR APPEAL FOR BUILDING ADDITION:

The owners of the property, the Coppolinos, seek a variance for a building addition over an existing garage. The proposed construction will consist of finishing an attic space above the garage, which is adjacent to the existing bedrooms and could at some point be used as an additional bedroom. The leaching field is 816 square feet serving a home with four bedrooms. For five (5) bedrooms an additional 200 square feet of leaching would have to be added to meet both the Board of Health regulations and Title 5. The Coppolinos stated that they would install low flow water devices in their home to compensate for the lack of additional leaching.

The Board discussed whether or not the regulations should be re-written to reflect credit given to homeowners if they install water saving devices.

The Board also discussed whether future regulations for the size of the septic system could be based on the structure of the whole house and not just on the amount of bedrooms. The Board stated that these questions would have to be discussed at a future meeting. The Coppolinos noted that a similar request for a variance had been approved for an addition based on the installation of low flow water saving devices.

On a motion made by Ms. Hotch, seconded by Mr. Glannon, the Board voted to grant this variance to 6 Myrtle Drive to allow the building addition with the following conditions:

1. That this variance is subject to the installation of low flow water devices in bathroom(s) and other applicable water sources.
2. That the variance is subject to a inspection by a licensed plumbing inspection to certify that the low flow devices have been installed.

The vote was two to one with Mr. Glannon casting the opposing vote.

9-15 WINDSOR AVE. - VARIANCE & SPECIAL PERMIT:

The owners of the property at 9-15 Windsor Ave. seek a variance for distances to property lines and foundation wall and also a special permit for work in the aquifer. The existing septic system is a series of cesspools which have failed. The existing home is an eight (8) bedroom apartment complex. The system is proposed to be 1,440 square foot leaching trench system. The property is also located in the aquifer zone, therefore, a special permit will have to be obtained. The nearest well is approximately 3,600 feet. The lot is small and the proposed design will utilize most of the lot. Title 5 requires a smaller system than that proposed system. This system will also have to be approved by the State. On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Ms. Hotch, the Board unanimously voted to grant variances from 310 CMR 15:03 (7) Distances (1)(2) and the Board's rules and regulations 11-15.1 & 11-15.10 and a special permit for work in an aquifer for the following conditions:

1. No underground fuel storage tanks shall be permitted on the site.
2. The septic tank shall be pumped a minimum of once every year.
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 the Health Department.
5. Floor cleaning procedures for the building shall use only nontoxic and biodegradable cleaning compounds.
6. Floor drains are not permitted.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL BYLAW:

The Board discussed the Hazardous Material Control Bylaw. The Board stated that this proposed bylaw should be sent out for comments by Town departments. The Board postponed discussion for the Hazardous Materials Bylaw until the following meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Glannon, seconded by Ms. Hotch, unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Howe
Sheryl Howe, Secretary

Signed and Approved,

George Emmons
George Emmons, Chairman