



Acton Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2020

7:30 P.M.

ROOM 9, TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET

Present:

Members Present: William McInnis -Chairman, Dr. William Taylor, Joanne Bissetta
Mark Conoby and Dr. Rekha Singh.

Associate Members: Michael Kreuze and Dr. Thomas Jacoby were absent

Staff Present: Sheryl Ball-Health Director, Weiyuan Sun-Health Administrator

Other Present: Gene Beresin, Michaela Moran, Caroyn Platt, David Martin, David Honn,
Peter Berry, Peg Mikkola, and Barbara Morse

1. Opening

Chair - William McInnis opened the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

2. Regular Business

A. Director-Operational Update

Insulet Corporation

Ms. Ball updated the Board regarding the production well and pumping test at Insulet Corporation located at 100 Nagog Park. Ms. Ball mentioned the town's consultant will analyze the water quality data and give their recommendations to the Health Division. Ms. Ball indicated that she will bring this to the Board at a future agenda.

New Twin School – Gates Douglas

Ms. Ball asked the Board for clarification on how to proceed with the implementation of Acton Board of Health Rules and Regulations Article 16 and how that applies to the new Gates and Douglas twin school. The Board asked staff to schedule this discussion at their next meeting and invite the engineer.

Concordian Motel/The Minuteman Inn

Ms. Ball stated that The Minuteman Inn (Concordian Motel) has completed 96 % of the room renovations and is continuing to work on the rest. The remaining rooms will be



completed once the currently occupied 8 units move out. The Board signed off on 2020 motel permit for The Minuteman Inn.

4 Piper Lane- Proposed 40B

Ms. Ball updated the Board about the proposed 40B development on 4 Piper Lane. Ms. Ball stated that the Health Division has supplied comments to the Planning Board asking that an LSP conduct a soil analysis of all disturbed areas for potential contaminants from the previous orchard use, including but not limited to lead and arsenic. Ms. Ball asked the LSP to also submit a soil management plan to be approved by the Board of Health to address, levels of lead and arsenic throughout the property, identification of hot spots, plans for remediation and worker safety protocols. There were many abutters present who expressed their concern for this proposed 40B development with regards to the levels of lead and arsenic that have been found on this property from years of being used as an apple orchard. They also expressed concern for the potential soil that will be transported off site. Ms. Ball stated that all soil shipped offsite with elevated concentrations must be shipped to an approved disposal facility but mentioned that we currently have not received any soil testing analysis for this site. Ms. Ball also stated that three feet of clean soil or loam can be placed on the ground over the surface to isolate the soil with elevated arsenic and lead concentrations on any undisturbed areas of the site under the current regulation. The Board thanked Ms. Ball for this update.

3. Discussion- Polystyrene Ban

The Health Division has received a request from Mr. Peter Berry, Board of Selectmen asking the Board of Health to consider supporting a Polystyrene Ban to be proposed as a bylaw for Annual Town Meeting approval. Mr. Berry stated that many other Massachusetts towns have already banned polystyrene on food items. The Board discussed this at length and asked staff to send notification to all businesses so they are aware of this proposal and invited the proponents of this bylaw to come back to a future Board meeting.

4. Emergency Beaver Trapping Permit-Behind 37 Mohegan Road

The Health Department has received a request for a ten day beaver trapping permit for the property located behind 36, 37 Mohegan and 82 Seminole Road. The Town of Acton owns the wetland behind these properties and seeks to trap beavers that have caused flooding on the property in close proximity to the three septic systems. The Health Department determined that a public health threat exists and recommended that the Board approve a ten day beaver trapping permit, beginning on February 10, 2020. On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to approve an emergency beaver trapping permit for the property located behind 36, 37 Mohegan and 82 Seminole Road for a period of 10 days.



5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated November 18, 2019 with corrections.

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated December 16, 2019 with corrections.

6. **Adjournment**

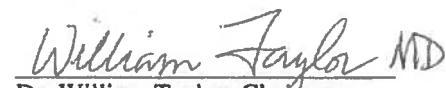
On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:48pm.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting:

- Memo from Sheryl Ball – Proposed Polystyrene Bylaw
- Copied from Sierraclub. org website
- Memo from Sheryl Ball – Beaver Trapping Emergency Permit- Parcel 37, behind 36, 37 Mohegan and 82 Seminole Road
- Board of Health Minutes from November 18, 2019, and December 16, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,


Weiyuan Sun
Health Administrator


Dr. William Taylor- Chairman,
Acton Board of Health