

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 1993

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill McInnis (Chairman)
Cordelia Alfaro
James Barbato
Jonathan Bosworth
Mark Conoby
Peter Vaillancourt (Associate)

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Halley (Health Director)
Sheryl Ball

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Wolfe
Gene Bouchard
Steven Hartwell
Frank King
Allan Rodenhiser
F.J. Ratta
Michelle Ratta
J. Russell Hodgdon
Brian Lawlor
Brian McCann

The meeting opened at 7:35 P.M.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Mr. Barbato, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of February 8, 1993 following corrections.

NURSING SERVICE:

The Board briefly discussed the status of hiring for the Nursing Service Supervisor/Administrator. Mr. Halley informed the Board that the position had been advertised and applications had been received. Mr. Halley also stated that he anticipated interviewing after the Board of Selectmen's meeting on March 2, 1993. The Selectmen's meeting has been scheduled to discuss the status of the Nursing Service. Mr. Halley would like to schedule the applicants that he has interviewed for the Board's next meeting on March 8, 1993 at which time the Board will decide who to recommend to the Town Manager.

SEPTAGE PUMPERS - DISCUSSION OF TRANSFER & STORAGE OF SEPTAGE:

The Health Department invited all licensed septic haulers to this meeting for their input regarding the transfer and storage of septic in an Aquifer Protection Zone. The Board's primary concern is the pumpers who transfer septic from a smaller collection truck to a larger holding truck. The Board questioned what actions would be taken if a spill were to occur during the transfer or a leak from the truck and also questioned what they would do about any odors. The pumpers stated that they work 24 hours a day and that a place to store their septic is needed in order to provide emergency service to homeowners or business owners.

The Board stated that they are not trying to eliminate this transferring, however, they would like an outline of any proposal that the pumpers could submit to us to show precautionary measures. Mr. Rodenhiser, a member of the Mass. Association of Septic Haulers suggested that their group would schedule a meeting in order to come up with some suggested guidelines. He also stated that he would present their guidelines to the Board sometime in early April.

The Board stated that they would be anxious to see any solutions and look forward to their presentation.

502 GREAT ROAD - VARIANCES:

J. Russell Hodgdon, attorney representing Hudson National Bank, seeks variances from 310 CMR 15.03 Leaching Area, 310 CMR 15.08 Reserve Area and 11-15.1 Acton Leaching Area requirements to allow construction of a septic system at 502 Great Road. This request was previously before the Board on February 8, 1993 and the Board stated that more documentation should be submitted showing that there is manifest injustice. Attorney Hodgdon has submitted extensive cases and information to the Board showing that manifest injustice will occur if the bank's variance application is not granted. The Board reviewed the information submitted and stated that the potential public health risk is greater if the variance is not granted due to the existing septic system which is approximately one foot above groundwater. The environmental consultant stated that regarding environmental concerns the proposed septic system would provide more environmental protection.

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Mr. Barbato, the Board unanimously voted to grant a variance from 310 CMR 15.03 Leaching Area, 310 CMR 15.08 Reserve Area and 11-15.1 Acton Leaching Area Requirements to 502 Great Road with the following conditions:

1. The septic system shall be built in accordance with a plan by Bruce Saluk & Associates, dated December 29, 1992, and all subsequent Health Department approved revisions.
2. The Design Engineer shall submit certification that the proposed septic system meets the requirement, under Title 5, that the same degree of environmental protection has been provided.
3. The applicants shall adhere to all other existing rules & regulations and laws.

1993 BOARD OF HEALTH PRIORITIES:

Mr. Halley presented the Board with sixteen (16) goals that the Board should try to achieve in 1993. The Board reviewed each category and assigned each member a category and asked them to submit their comments to the Board at their earliest convenience.

On a motion made by Mr. Barbato, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 8, 1993 in order to interview Nursing Service Supervisor/Administrator candidates in Room 121 of the Town Hall. The next meeting will be held on March 22, 1993 in Room 126 of the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Ball

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Health Secretary

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William McInnis
Chairman