



Acton Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2019

7:30 P.M.

ROOM 9, TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET

Present:

Members Present: Dr. William Taylor-Chairman, Michael Kreuze and William McInnis
Absent – Joanne Bissetta and Mark Conoby

Associate Members: Dr. Rekha Singh voting for Ms. Joanne Bissetta
Dr. Thomas Jacoby voting for Mr. Mark Conoby

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

Other Present: Mark Foss, Anna Bettencourt, Scott Hayes and Peggy Mikkola

Absent: Joanne Bissetta and Mark Conoby

1. Opening

Chair - Dr. William Taylor opened the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Singh seconded by Mr. McInnis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated June 3, 2019 with correction.

B. Director-Operational Update

- Ms. Ball informed the Board that the Spring Household Hazardous Waste Day on June 1, 2019 was very busy with 300 cars. Even though there was a wait, the residents appreciated this well organized event.

3. New/Special Business

A. Article 16.6.2.5 Variance Request- 22 Hosmer Street

The Health Department is in receipt of a request for a variance from Article 16-6.2.5 for a reduction from 6' separation from the bed bottom to the estimated high groundwater table to 3' separation from Foresite Engineering for a septic system on behalf of the owners of 22 Hosmer Street. The Presby Enviro-Septic leaching System (DEP Transmittal No. X23395.) is designed to distribute effluent evenly by retaining the effluent for a period of time before it is wicked away by surrounding system sand. The difference between pressure dosed and gravity is



minimized when compared to a conventional system. This variance is recommended by the Health Division. On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Mr. Kreuze, the Board unanimously voted to grant a variance to Article 16.6.2.5 to allow for the reduction from 6' separation from the bed bottom to the estimated high groundwater table to 3' separation at 22 Hosmer Street.

B. Discussion- Proposed Article 18-Regulations Tobacco

The Board continued discussion of the proposed Article 18-Regulations Tobacco. The Health Department brought this before the Board for discussion only as changes were made to the draft. During the discussion, Mr. Foss, a lawyer on behalf of retailers, mentioned that age twenty one and older should have right to make a decision to purchase flavored tobacco products. Ms. Bettencourt also pointed out that it will impact retail business if flavored tobacco products are banned. The Board asked the Health Department to schedule a public hearing in the fall. Also, the Board requested that the Health Department send this information and proposed changes to all the current tobacco permit holders.

C. Discussion- Proposed Article 12- Regulation Governing The Keeping of Exotic, Non Domestic and Farm Animals on Residential Property

The Board discussed this proposed regulation and made some changes. The Board directed the Health Department to schedule this time for review at a public hearing.

4. Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Mr. Kreuze, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:03 PM.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting;

- Memo From Sheryl Ball, Article 16-6.2.5 Variance Request, 22 Hosmer Street
- Memo From Sheryl Ball, Proposed Article 18- Regulation Tobacco
- Memo from Professor, Boston University School of Public Health, Written Testimony of Michael Siegel, MD, MPH, Regarding Possible Flavored Tobacco Product Regulation
- Memo From Sheryl Ball, Proposed Article 12- Regulation Governing The Keeping of Exotic, Non domestic and farm Animals on Residential Property
- Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2019



Respectfully Submitted,

Weiyuan Sun
Acton Board of Health

Dr. William Taylor- Chairman,
Acton Board of Health