

Acton Board of Health

June 21, 2010

Members Present: Joanne Bissetta, Chairman, William Taylor, Member and Michael Kreuze, Associate Member.

Staff Present: Doug Halley, Health Dept. Director and Isabel Roberts.

Others Present: Al Cormier, David M. Stone and representative for Café Ziba.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

EMERGENCY BEAVER TRAPPING – NAGOG POND

Doug presented the Board with a request for a 10 day emergency Beaver trapping from the Concord Water and Sewer Division. This request was made due to flooding from Beaver activities at Nagog Pond. Additionally, should the 10 day emergency trapping permit not solve the problem, the applicant may apply for the 30 day extension with the DFW. The Board questioned if this dam is the same location as the previously requested emergency Beaver trapping permit? Doug commented that a number of emergency Beaver trapping permits have been issued in the past, for this same location.

On a motion made by Mr. Kreuze, seconded by Mr. Taylor the Board unanimously voted to grant the 10-day emergency Beaver trapping permit for Nagog Pond.

D'BOSS AND SON BUILDERS

On Monday, May 24, 2010, Mr. Cormier submitted an application for Disposal Works Installer's license to the Health Department. At that time Mr. Cormier stated that he had begun with the installation of a septic system at 8 Billing St. Mr. Cormier was informed that he was to cease work until:

- a) a copy of the approved plan for 8 Billings St had been brought into the Health Department and verified that it was the correct plan.
- b) an inspection fee should be submitted prior to any work beginning.

Later that day Acton's Environmental Inspector, Justin Snair, while making inspections, found that work had continued at 8 Billings St, despite the guidance given to Mr. Cormier. While at the site, Mr. Snair observed that two tanks had been installed and backfilled without a Health Department inspection, nor without fulfilling the required procedures.

Mr. Cormier agreed with the information presented to the Board, and went on to say that it had been sometime since being licensed in the Town of Acton and he was no longer familiar with the local requirements.

Doug recommended to the Board that they rescind Mr. Cormier's current 2010 Disposal Works Installer's license and require that Mr. Cormier obtain a provisional license within 30 days of receipt of this notice. Should Mr. Cormier's work for the remainder of the year adhere to the policies and standards as established by the Board of Health he will be eligible for a full license in 2011.

On a motion made by Mr. Kreuze, seconded by Mr. Taylor the Board unanimously voted to approve the revocation of the Disposal Works Installer's application and require that Mr. Cormier obtain a provisional license within 30 days.

CAFÉ ZIBA

Doug presented to the Board a request for approval of an increase in seats available at Café Ziba, located at 340 Great Rd. The increase would be from 12 seats to 18 seats, based on a establishment reclassification, going from a "restaurant" to a "fast food" establishment with 20 gpd per seat. The Health Department found that the water use records for Café Ziba from 4.15.2010 thru 6.8.2010 indicate 273 actual gpd. Under the current Board of Health approval, Café Ziba is allowed 12 seats at 35 gpd or a total of 420 gpd.

The proposed operation, with no food preparation on site, is more related to a "fast food" operation than a "restaurant." The Health Department recommends that the Board of Health reclassify Café Ziba as fast food and grant the approval of the increase from 12 to 18 seats with the following conditions:

1. Establishment water use records shall be submitted to the Health Department quarterly, starting September 1, 2010;
2. Paper or plastic table ware and eating utensils shall be used.
3. The Board of Health shall suspend or revoke approval should use result in a threat or hazard to public or environmental health.

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kreuze, the Board unanimously voted to approve the reclassification of Café Ziba to "fast food" establishment with an increase in seats, from 12 to 18 with the noted conditions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Doug informed the Board of the four students currently interning with the Health Department. Two of the interns are currently working on a Lyme Disease Awareness Campaign, looking into the most effective ways to inform people of the risks associated with ticks and Lyme disease. This project will be completed by the end of the summer, and the results will be brought before the Board. The two other interns are working on improving the water sampling program that the Health Department currently runs. So far the Health Department has been very impressed with the performance of all of the interns.

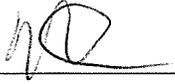
A consultant has recently been hired to work with the Nursing Department for 6 weeks, due to the financial difficulties that the Nursing service has been experiencing. It is anticipated that a report will be brought before the Board in the fall.

As the liaison for the WRAC committee, Mr. Kreuze informed the Board that the WRAC will be looking to obtain feedback from the Board of Health, with approximately 20% - 30% of their time being designated to wastewater management districts.

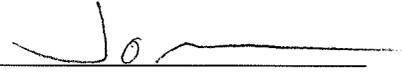
Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kreuze, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Isabel Roberts, Health Secretary
Acton Board of Health



Joanne Bissetta, Chairman
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