

Acton Board of Health

June 23, 2008

Members Present: William Taylor, Chairman, Pam Harting-Barrat, Member, Mark Conoby, Member and Joseph Iannelli, Associate.

Staff Present: Doug Halley, Health Director and Sheryl Ball.

Others Present: Peggy Mikkola, Representative of League of Women Voters and Ben Ewing, Stamski and McNary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated June 2, 2008 as amended.

Variance – 87 Hayward Road

The Health Department is in receipt of a request for a variance from 310 CMR 15.450(1)(b) – Reduction in depth of components from 36” to 72” and 310 CMR 15.405(1)(j) – Reduction in the required 12 inch separation between the inlet/outlet tee and high groundwater for the property located at 87 Hayward Road. The reduction of the depth of the septic tanks and pump chamber from 32” to 72” is necessary due to the depth of the existing building sewer elevation. The reduction of the 12” separation between the inlet and outlet tees is due to the high groundwater. The existing grading causes the increased depth of the elevation of the sewers. Mr. Ewing stated that there will be two tanks in series with one being 12,000 gallons and one being 6,000 gallons along with an 8000 gallon pump chamber. The system will also be pressure distributed and will be dosed 6 cycles/day or a total of three times a day. The tanks will be installed in the high groundwater and were designed with velocity and buoyancy calculations. The Board stated that they would like to see that the tanks are watertight and manholes installed due to the depth of the tanks. Mr. Ewing stated that there will be risers to grade and evidence will be provided stating

that the tanks are water tight. On a motion made by Dr. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously granted a variance from 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b) and 310 CMR 15.405(1)(j) to the property located at 87 Hayward Road with the following conditions:

1. Evidence that the tanks, chamber and all boots or pipe joints are watertight must be submitted to the Board of Health office for review before the certificate of compliance may be issued.
2. The septic tank shall be pumped once every year.
3. The system shall be constructed in accordance with the above listed conditions and in accordance with the plan stamped by Joseph March, dated 5/28/2008.

Variance – 308 High Street

The Health Department is in receipt of a request for a variance from Article 16-6.1.1 – for a tank located within 75 feet of the wetlands and Article 16.4.2.10 – for a soil absorption system located within 100 feet of a wetland for the property located at 308 Old High Street. The Health Department has reviewed the plans and finds that the setbacks are as far away as possible given the lot constrictions. On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Dr. Harting-Barrat, the Board unanimously voted to grant a variance from Article 11-6.1.1 and Article 16.4.2.10 to the property located at 308 High Street with the following conditions:

1. The septic tank shall be pumped once every year.
2. An MADEP approved effluent filter is installed on the outlet tee of the septic tank.
3. The wetlands shall be delineated and flagged prior to construction.
4. The system shall be constructed in accordance with the above listed conditions and in accordance with a plan stamped by Steve Calichman, dated 6/19/2008.

Betterment Agreement – 175 School Street

The betterment agreement between the Town and the property owners of 175 School Street is before the Board for signature. The Board asked some questions about the agreement and signed it unanimously.

Other –

Medical Reserve Core (MRC) – Peggy Mikkola liaison to MRC stated that they have started the process of contacting all the people that volunteered since 2002 to make sure that the list is current. Ms. Mikkola stated that they are also actively working on additional volunteer recruiting as they also need non-medical people. Ms. Mikkola stated that they are looking at spreading the word for the needed volunteers and suggested that the Municipal Quarterly would be one way to achieve that. Ms. Mikkola also stated that an exercise will be conducted on November 1, 2008 in conjunction with the flu clinic.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Dr. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Ball, Health Secretary
Acton Board of Health

William Taylor, Chairman
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