

## **Acton Board of Health**

**November 17, 2008**

Members Present: William Taylor, Chairman, Joanne Bissetta, Vice Chairman, Mark Conoby, Member, Pam Harting-Barrat, Member.

Staff Present: Doug Halley, Health Director and Isabel Prokopovich.

Others Present: Peggy Mikkola, League of Woman Voters.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

### **Minutes**

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated October 6, 2008 as amended. Another motion was made by Ms. Bissetta, seconded by Ms. Harting-Barrat, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated October 20, 2008 as amended.

### **Smoking Cessation Proposal**

On behalf of Merrily Evdokimoff, Doug Halley presented the Board with a proposal for a smoking cessation support program for Town of Acton employees and their families at the employee Health Day. A request was made to use funds of \$500 from the Health Department Enterprise fund. The Board questioned how the money would be used and how many people would benefit from this. It was noted that the money would be used to create a peer support group as well as a Nicorette gum intervention program. This program would treat an estimated 20-25 individuals who will be monitored through out an anticipated six month period. On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, and seconded by Ms. Harting-Barrat, the Board unanimously voted to allocate additional funds of up to \$500 from the Enterprise Fund account.

**Annual Flu Clinic**

The annual Flu Clinic took place at the ABRHS on 11/8/2008. The clinic was open from 9:00-12:00pm, with a number of residents arriving at 8:30am. A total of approximately 300 individuals were vaccinated, taking 8-11 minutes to process each individual.

It was noticed that the set up for the clinic did present a number of small problems. Flow issues were a concern. Individuals were entering the building from multiple entrances. Unfortunately, these entrances served as emergency exits, and therefore needed to remain open. There was also a need for more assistance in controlling the flow of motor vehicle traffic. It appeared that there was a need for clarification on which entrance to use when driving onto the school property and what parking lot to use.

Overall, the Flu Clinic ran very efficiently and effectively with no major issues.

**VARIANCE – 29 Nash Road**

The Health Department has received a request for a variance from 310 CMR 15.287(7) for use of Cultec Contractor C-4 Chambers in accordance with Modified Certification for General Use issued by MA DEP dated July 19, 2007, for the property located at 29 Nash Road. The Health Department has reviewed the submitted plan and finds that use of the Cultec C-4 Chambers would require limited grading changes. The proposed system would likely also provide on site treatment at least equal to that of a conventional system. On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, seconded by Ms. Harting-Barrat, the Board unanimously voted to grant a variance from 310 CMR 15.287(7) to the property located at 29 Nash Road with the following conditions:

1. The wastewater disposal system shall, at all times, be maintained in compliance with the most recent Modified Certification for General Use issued by the MADEP for the Cultec C4 Chamber Panels.
2. The septic tank shall be pumped at a minimum of once every two years.
3. The system shall be constructed in accordance with the above listed conditions and in accordance with the plan stamped by John Medeiros, RS, dated 10/20/2008.

**I/A Approval – 308 Central Street**

The Health Department has received a request for a Acton Board of Health I/A Technology Use/Cultec Contactor Field Drain C-4, to allow for the repair of a failed on site sewerage disposal system for the property located at 308 Central St. The Health Department has reviewed the submitted plan and finds that use of the Cultec C-4 Chambers would require limited grading changes. The proposed system would likely also provide on site treatment at least equal to that of a conventional system. On a motion made by Ms. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to grant remedial use approval for Cultec Contactor C-4 to the property located at 308 Central St with the following conditions:

1. The septic tank shall be pumped at a minimum of once every two years.
2. The system shall, at all times, be maintained in compliance with the most recent Modified Certification for general use issued by the MADEP for the Cultec C-4 chamber panels.
3. The system shall be constructed in accordance with the above listed conditions and a plan stamped by Mark Donohoe, dated 10/28/2008.

**Emergency Permit-Beaver Trapping**

The Natural Resources Department has requested a Beaver Trapping permit due to flooding from Beaver activities on Stow Street. The Health Department has confirmed that in accordance with the Rules and Regulations that a threat to Human Health and Safety caused by flooding and restriction of the public way. On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Ms. Harting-Barrat, the Board unanimously voted to approve a 10 –day emergency permit, beginning November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Ms. Harting-Barrat, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Isabel Prokopovich, Health Secretary  
Acton Board of Health

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William Taylor, Chairman  
Acton Board of Health