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Acton Board of Health

July 9, 2012

Members Present: William McInnis – Acting Chairman, Dr. William Taylor and Joanne Bissetta

Staff Present: Doug Halley-Director
Weiyuan Sun-Administration

Other Present: Dan Brown, Steve King and Kevin Roberdeau

Location: Acton Library, Acton, MA 01720

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Body Art Practitioner

The Health Department received Mr. Daniel Brown's application as a body art practitioner. Mr. Brown will be working at Kings Ink located at 136 Main St. The Board indicated that the body art practitioners must follow the state regulation. The Board questioned immunizations of Hepatitis Type B. The State of Massachusetts does not have a regulation specific for the immunizations of the body art practitioners but do recommend the series of three Hepatitis Type B. The Board indicated that Mr. Brown is required to obtain immunizations protection.

On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta second by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to require Mr. Brown to obtain the series of three Hepatitis Type B immunizations.

On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, second by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application Mr. Daniel Brown as a Body Art practitioner to work at Kings Ink located at 136 Main St.

13 Ethan Allen Drive- Request Variance Removal

Previously on July 22, 2002, the Acton Board of Health unanimously approved 13 Ethan Allen Drive to replace the septic system with variances under following condition:

No increase in design flow or square footage is allowed.

Since then Title 5 15.405(h) has been revised and no longer restricts the increase in the square footage to the property. Mr. Kevin Roberdeau, the owner of 13 Ethan Allen Drive, requested that the Board remove this condition to allow him to increase his square footage. Mr. Roberdeau would like to expand the kitchen on the first floor and expand the bedrooms on the second floor into a master bedroom. There will be no increase in design flow or additional bedrooms after completion.

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor, second by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to remove the variance under condition number two: no increase square footage is allowed for 13 Ethan Allen Drive.

Emergency Shelter Plan

The Health Department has been working with Region 4A in regards to the Public Health Emergency Shelter. A consultant has drafted shelter plans for each individual community. On October 2011, Acton was hit by a snow storm in which the Health Department operated an emergency shelter. In February 2012, the Health Department received a grant for shelter training and 38 employees attended it. On July 30th, 2012, the Health Department will run a shelter table

top exercise for the employees to ensure that all will be more familiar and prepared to run a shelter. Some suggestions from the board members for emergency(ER) Shelter were as follows:

1. The town should have an agreement with local supermarkets to provide food during the times that ER shelters are opened.
2. The town should consider a bigger facility and capacity place for ER shelter such as the high school. Currently, the Council on Aging is the only facility for the ER shelter and is only equipped to handle 20-40 people.
3. The town should provide a nurse or Emergency Medical Technician during all open hours of the shelter on site to help residents with medical issues.
4. The town should make agreements with bigger medical care facilities such as Acton Medical as the hospitals do not provide shelter.
5. Acton currently has approximately 500 people with some kind of medical training and we should consider asking them for help during shelter operations.

The Town of Acton does not have an ER shelter plan. The Health Department is requesting that the Board recommend to the Selectmen that this shelter plan be examined and put through analysis and considered for approve by the town.

On a motion made by Dr. Taylor, second by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously voted to recommend the Emergency Shelter Plan to the Selectmen.

Other

Mr. Halley, Health Director wrote a letter to Mr. Chris Allen, Acton Water District Manager, regarding a meeting to discuss the future goals such as better support, improvements, efforts to provide safe and satisfactory water quality and quantity. The Board of Health would be happy to meet with the Water Commissioners or have them attend a Board of Health meeting before the end of September.

On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, second by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to direct Mr. Halley to mail a letter to Mr. Chris Allen, Acton Water District Manager requesting a meeting with the Water Commissioners.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, second by Dr. Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Weiyuan Sun, Administrator
Acton Board of Health



William McInnis – Acting Chairman
Acton Board of Health