

Acton Board of Health

Room 126, Acton Town Hall
Acton, MA 01720

March 9, 2015

Members Present: Michael Kreuze -Chairman, William McInnis, Dr. William Taylor, Joanne Bissetta and Mark Conoby
Pam Harting-Barrat-Associate with Voting Rights

Staff Present: Sheryl Ball-Health Agent
Weiyuan Sun-Administration

Other Present: Edward Bergeron, Kristen Bergeron, Dan Pankrate, Glenn Rose, Rita McConnon,
Andrew Lapin and Peggy Mikkola

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

Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, seconded by Mr. McInnis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Board of Health minutes dated January 12, 2015 as amended.

Discussion- Second Hand Wood Fire

The Health Department is in receipt of a complaint from Mr. Robert Hendrie, a resident who is concerned with second hand smoke from wood fires. The board discussed this issue at length and the importance of letting homeowners know that fire place wood smoke has shown to be an air pollutant but stated that we should encourage home owners to regularly clean stoves and fire places to help minimize that impact. The Board also pointed out that new wood burning products that are purchased already burn cleaner than some of the older models and that the state offers a rebate program for wood stoves, pellet stoves, and pellet furnaces to help residents fund these upgrades. The board thanked Mr. Robert Hendrie for this consideration. No motion was made.

Hazardous Materials Permit Application- 54 Knox Trail

The Health Department received a Hazardous Material Application from Rapid Recovery, a used refrigerant recovery company located at building 3, 54 Knox Trail. Mr. Bergeron indicated that the business is environmentally friendly and the company main business is the proper handling of reclamation, resale or disposal of refrigerant. Mr. Bergeron also presented the Health Department with an emergency accidental release plan. The board questioned how much the proposed maximum quantity of 8,000 lbs of refrigerant is. Mr. Bergeron pointed out that the cylinders hold 240 lbs; and once filled will be transferred to Arizona for reclamation.

On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Hazardous Material Control Permit to Rapid Recovery, a used refrigerant recovery company located at building 3, 54 Knox Trail with the following conditions:

1. All liquid Hazardous Materials and Wastes shall be stored in a containment area capable of containing 110% of the largest volume stored in the containment area.
2. All Materials Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) for the Hazardous Materials shall be maintained on site. MSDSs shall be reviewed with employees at the time of their employment and on an annual basis thereafter. MSDSs must be made available to all employees upon request.
3. A Contingency Plan, including emergency contact numbers (telephone numbers of owner, operator, etc.) and a sketch showing clearly all Hazardous Material and Waste locations shall be

- submitted and updated annually, to the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police Department, and Civil Defense.
4. Emergency procedures and local Emergency Response Telephone Numbers (Health, Fire, Police, D.E.P., Civil Defense, etc.) should a spill occur, shall be posted in clear view of all employees where Hazardous Materials or Wastes are used or stored.
 5. All Hazardous Waste must be disposed of by a Licensed, D.E.P. approved, hauler or be recycled on site.
 6. Copies of either all invoices or manifests for any Hazardous Materials or Wastes, received or disposed, shall be submitted to the Board of Health annually.
 7. All Hazardous Materials Containers shall be labeled and dated when filling first began.
 11. Protective equipment, including chemical resistant gloves, eye goggles and (rubber) boots, in addition to soap and water, shall be made available to all employees, at all times, in any Hazardous Materials or Waste storage or use area.
 12. No Hazardous Materials or Wastes shall be discharged into a sink or toilet.
 13. A safety eye wash station shall be installed where any Hazardous Materials are stored or used.
 14. A fire extinguisher, containing an appropriate fire extinguishing agent, shall be placed in the Hazardous Materials Storage area.
 15. No food or drink shall be stored or consumed in any area where Hazardous Materials are stored or used.
 25. Prior to any new chemical or processes being used, the Board of Health shall be notified.
 26. The operation of this facility shall be in compliance with all present and future regulations of E.P.A. and D.E.P. at all times. Nothing in this permit allows or requires non-compliance with all present and future applicable laws or regulations of the Federal or State Government.
 27. All releases into the ambient air shall meet all existing and proposed E.P.D. requirements.

Composting Toilet Approval-217 Nagog Hill Road

The Health Department is in receipt of a request for approval of a compost toilet at Hybrid Farm located at 217 Nagog Hill Road for a counseling business to be conducted from the barn only. The counseling center will bring inner city students along with students from surrounding schools to work with the horses to aid with their therapy. Title 5 allows for the installation of compost toilets in commercial, public facilities or private organizations without the need to demonstrate that a system in full compliance with 310 CMR 15 (Title 5) could otherwise be installed on site. Given that this address has both a business and a residential address (which do require the need to install a complaint system) the Health Department was unclear how to classify this business. The Board stated that this should be classified as commercial. The Board would prefer to see a compost toilet on site rather than the current use of porta potties. On a motion made by Mr. McInnis, seconded by Ms. Bissetta, the Board unanimously moved to allow this business to be classified as commercial and stated that this is an acceptable basis to allow for the compost toilet subject to the following conditions:

1. Compost toilet may only be used by the business and not for the residential home on the property
2. If regulations are to change this approval is subject to be re-reviewed.

Department Status Reports on Public Health and Environmental Program

Board of Health Director Retirement- The Board members requested to be part of the hiring process for the new Health Director.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Conoby, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:34P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Weiyuan Sun
Acton Board of Health

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Michael Kreuze -Chairman
Acton Board of Health