

Acton Board of Health – Minutes
February 24, 2003
Room 126, Town Hall

Board Members Present: William McInnis, Chairman, Mark Conoby, Robert Oliveri and Cathy Block, Associate Member.

Staff Present: Doug Halley, Health Director, Brent Reagor, Health Agent & Sheryl Ball, Secretary

Others: Rosalie Berry, Mary Michelman, Tack & Lisa Palmer, Fred Givens, Northwest Structures, Ron Peabody, Northwest Structures, George Dimakarakous, Stamski & McNary, Sharon Mendoza and Kelly Peabody.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Oliveri, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes with corrections dated February 10, 2003.

Acton Public Health Nursing Service (APHNS) – Update:

Ms. Merrily Evdokimoff, Nursing Administrator for the APHNS, is before the Board to discuss the status of the APHNS. Ms. Evdokimoff presented the Board with an agency evaluation report for FY 02. The report contains statistic's regarding the financial overview, referral information, health promotion activities, communicable disease follow-ups and the goals of the upcoming year. Ms. Evdokimoff stated that overall the year has been very stabilizing with an increase in nursing visits, referrals and physical therapy visits. Ms. Evdokimoff stated that Medicare is reimbursing at a faster rate which helps tremendously and the new computer system has helped with organization and productivity of the staff. Mr. Conoby suggested that the Nursing Service conduct more education seminars to increase awareness. Ms. Evdokimoff stated that hospital referrals still need some improvement especially from the Boston Hospitals. Ms. Block suggested asking the hospitals for statistical information on referrals. Mr. Conoby suggested that the Nursing Service conduct a promotional survey asking for hospital data regarding discharges and referrals. Ms. Evdokimoff stated that there is a potential need for them to run a well child clinic since there are approximately 20 students in the school system that have not had well child visits. Well child clinics were phased out in previous years due to attendance issues. Ms. Evdokimoff stated that a future goal would be to update the Nursing Services cholesterol

machine. Ms. Evdokimoff stated that State was asked by the Federal Government to have a Small Pox plan with enough health care workers vaccinated in the event of an outbreak.

Special Permit & Variance Request – Palmer Kennels – 346 Great Road

The owner of 346 Great Road, Palmer Kennels, is requesting a special permit for work within the aquifer and also a variance from Article 16-6.2.8 to allow for floor drains in the new kennel. The existing kennel will be demolished. The kennels have requested the installation of the floor drains in order to clean the kennels. The septic system has been designed to accommodate the dog waste and water flow from the floor drains. Due to the anticipated high levels of hair and waste, Mr. Conoby suggested that two extra cleanouts along with a hair interceptor be installed to minimize the amount of hair that will go into the septic system. The Board also stated that there should be a flip switch installed in the event of a spill into the floor drains in order to contain the spill in one tank. Mr. Conoby stated that he would like any chemicals stored closer to where they will be used and would also like a containment berm installed around the chemicals. Mr. Conoby also suggested the installation of an additional 1000 gallon tank. Mr. McInnis, asked Mr. Palmer if he would accept a condition requiring him to get a Hazardous Materials Control Permit from the Town. Mr. Palmer stated that he would do whatever is needed. The Board asked that the plan be redrawn with the recommended changes and resubmitted to the Board at a future meeting. On a motion made by Mr. Oliveri, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to continue this request until March 10, 2003.

Article 16 – Change of Wording

Mr. Reagor explained that the wording for Acton Board of Health Rules and Regulations, Article 16-2.5 needs to be amended to reflect the zoning changes that were approved at Town Meeting in April, 1997. Mr. Reagor explained that Article 16-2.5 needs to reflect the Zoning Bylaws definition of the Conant Well Zone II as defined in Article 4.3.2.2. This proposed change will need to be approved during a public hearing that will be scheduled at a future date.

Other

- Mr. Reagor stated that the Health Department is waiting to hear about the grant application
- Mr. Reagor stated that he has completed the Large Waste Water Treatment Regulations and Mr. Halley is reviewing them prior to submittal to the Board.

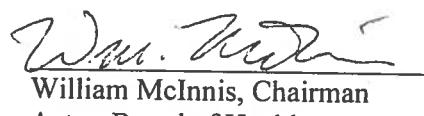
Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Oliveri, seconded by Mr. Conoby, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheryl Ball, Secretary
Acton Board of Health



William McInnis, Chairman
Acton Board of Health