

February 11, 2002

Minutes

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman; Jodi Deuger

Others Present:

Robert K. Overton, R.S., Debra Butcher

Meeting called to order:

Chairman Horowitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcement: Dr. Horowitz announced that Joseph McManus had resigned from his seat on the Board of Health effective February 1, 2002.

Reorganization of the Board of Health:

A motion was made by Member Jodi Deuger to nominate Dr. Susan Horowitz as Chairman. The motion was seconded by seconded by Dr. Horowitz and voted unanimously.

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *Belmont Springs Water-\$13.00
- *Reliable Office Products (SW)-\$191.28
- *BFI-\$3568.20
- *Covanta Haverhill-\$9394.89
- *Casey & Dupuis-\$412.23
- *Groton Herald (BOH)-\$30.00
- *Superior Special Services-\$2038.92
- *Shattuck Oil-\$122.44
- *Shattuck Oil-\$199.52
- *Casey & Dupuis-\$422.78
- *Liberty Supply-\$35.00
- *Groton Herald (SW)-\$45.00
- *Moison Ace Hardware-\$394.60
- *Bruce Dubey (mileage reimbursement)-\$19.20
- *Groton Electric Light-\$7.10
- *Groton Electric Light-\$46.09
- *Groton Electric Light-\$169.01
- *Fred Miller's Auto Body-\$384.42
- *Broadmeadow Sign-\$285.00
- *Westford Tire & Auto-\$25.00
- *CTC Communications (BOH)-\$62.22
- *CTC Communications (SW)-\$31.32
- *Cyn Environmental Services-\$93.50

Permits Approved/Signed:

- *68 Hayden Road; Jim & Karen Coste
- *102 Weymisset Road, Ruth Bochnowski
- *Boston Road, Lot 1; Northson Family LP

Board of Health Vacancy:

Dr. Horowitz announced that Joseph McManus had resigned from the Board of Health effective on February 1,

2002 and has moved out of Groton. She stated that the Board was currently accepting applications to fill the vacancy until February 19, 2002.

Groton Lakes Association:

The Board discussed the outcome of their meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Groton Lakes Association on January 28, 2002. Dr. Horowitz stated that situation was under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and she supported that.

Public Hearing – Groton’s Well Regulations: Present: No audience

Dr. Horowitz opened the public hearing at 7:08 pm. She referenced a copy of the model state well regulations and stated that the model was better than the current well regulations in place. The Board reviewed areas of the model regulations; however, the Board requested that their Health Agent provide more detailed definitions. They requested that Robert Overton prepare a recommendation on the issuance of irrigation wells and add them to the draft copy. No action was taken.

The Board agreed to continue the hearing until a third member was appointed.

Public Hearing – Stable License: Present: See attached.

Dr. Horowitz opened the public hearing and read Chapter 111, Section 155 into the record. She stated that the law requires that towns and/or cities with more than five thousand inhabitants must comply with the law. She said that no fee would be issued and all it would involve would be a form requesting a name, address, phone number and species of animals to be filled out. She stated that it was her objective to keep the process as simple as possible so the town had an updated database.

Helene Easom, owner of Helene Stables, opposed the requirement. She stated that the state already kept records and that this would be a duplicate of services. Dr. Horowitz stated that the database would be used as a public health tool if a health risk should arise and stable owners needed to be notified. Dr. Horowitz said she didn’t understand why it was a problem for the stable operator to provide the information to the local Board of Health.

Christopher Lilly, attorney for Barney Blood, stated that it was not necessary to adopt anything. He stated that the Board was only required to comply with the law.

Roy McGregor asked if the Board required an animal count. Dr. Horowitz stated that the Board would only compile “lists” of animals kept on the properties.

Ms. Easom questioned if the Board would require any fees. Dr. Horowitz stated “no.” She requested that this be recorded into the meeting minutes. Ms. Easom pointed out that the information was already compiled by the Groton Board of Assessor’s office. Dr. Horowitz stated that it wasn’t a complete list and lacked current data.

Jane Morris stated that the law has been in existence for almost a hundred years. She asked why the Board was now considering this. Dr. Horowitz stated that the law indicates compliance was needed when the town reached a certain resident amount. She stated that the local Boards of Health need this information to protect the public health from any outbreak that may occur. She said that a yearly form with be sent out with the tax bills for updated information.

Dr. Horowitz thanked those in attendance. She made a motion to comply with the State regulation, Chapter 111, Section 155. The motion was seconded by Jodi Deuger and voted unanimously.

16 Redskin Trail: Present: Dan Wolfe, P.E.

On behalf of his client, Robert Frye, Mr. Wolfe presented a design plan for a 4,000 gallon tight tank for this property. He stated that the design was prepared due to its close proximity to the existing well as well as to other wells in the vicinity. Mr. Wolfe stated that the proximity of Lost Lake also presented some constraints on this lot.

After reviewing the plan, the Board agreed with the design. A motion was made by Dr. Horowitz, seconded by Member Deuger, to approve the construction of a tight tank for 16 Redskin Trail. The motion carried unanimously.

Hazardous Waste Collection: Present: Bruce Dubey

Debra Butcher stated that volunteers were needed for two upcoming events, a paint collection day and a hazardous waste collection day. She asked that volunteers willing to help should contact her at (978) 448-1120. Mr. Dubey stated that the Recycling Committee was hoping to sponsor two days for hazardous waste.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Member Deuger to adjourn at 8:35 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

Jodi Deuger, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra A. Butcher