

## MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2002

### 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.

### Bills Approved/Signed:

- \*Groton Herald (BOH)-\$45.00
- \*Reliable Office Products (BOH)-\$26.85
- \*ApparelMaster-\$96.60
- \*Buckley Energy-\$.84
- \*Shattuck Oil-\$97.88

### Permits Approved/Signed:

- \*23 West Main Street; Doug Richardson
- \*91 Wharton Row; Newbury Street Development
- \*170 Wharton Row; Newbury Street Development
- \*32 Bayberry Drive; Michael Fitzpatrick
- \*47 Boathouse Road; Phillip DeFrietas
- \*Old Dunstable Road; Lot 11; James & Mary Darling
- \*Old Dunstable Road; Lot 12; James & Mary Darling
- \*Old Dunstable Road; Lot 13; James & Mary Darling
- \*Old Dunstable Road; Lot 14; James & Mary Darling

### 102 Weymisset Road: Present: Daniel Wolfe, P.E.; Ross Associates

On behalf of his client, Ms. Ruth Bochnowski, Mr. Wolfe presented a design plan for an upgrade to an existing system at 102 Weymisset Road. Mr. Wolfe stated that the plan required variances due to the constraints of Lost Lake and the well. He stated that it is the owner's intention on keeping the house a three bedroom home; however, the house is an estate and will be put on the market. Copies of abutters' notices were presented.

The following variances were requested:

#### Local Upgrade Approval

- 310 CMR 15.405(1)(a) - Reduction of the required offset from a property line to the leaching area - 10 feet required; 6 feet provided.
- 310 CMR 15.405(1)(f) - Reduction of the required offset from the edge of the wetlands to the leaching area - 50 feet required; 41 feet provided.
- 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h) - Reduction of the required offset from a private well to the leaching area - 100 feet required; 86 feet provided.

#### Groton Board of Health Local Regulations

- Section I, Regulation E.1 - Leaching facilities (including the proposed expansion area) must be located at least one hundred (100) feet from the nearest wetland, water course, wetland vegetation, seasonal streams and drainage ditches. 100 feet required; 41 feet provided.
- Section I, Regulation E.6 - Minimum of thirty-five (35) feet must be available between the edge of any street, passageway or road line and the entire exterior perimeter of any proposed leach area. 35 feet required; 16 feet provided.

Section I, Regulation E.7 - Minimum of twenty (20) feet must be available between any property line and the entire exterior perimeter of any proposed leach areas. 20 feet required; 6 feet provided.

Groton Well Regulation - Minimum offset from the well to the leaching area is 100 feet. 100 feet required; 85 feet provided.

Dr. Horowitz asked if a tight tank could be utilized. Mr. Wolfe stated that it wasn't necessary since they had the ability to put in a conventional system. Mr. Overton agreed. He stated that he had reviewed the plan and agreed with the requested variances.

Dr. Horowitz made a motion to approve the requested variances as written. The motion was seconded by Member Jodi Deuger and approved unanimously.

**23 West Main Street**: Present: Steve Marsden, P.E.; Marsden Engineering

Mr. Marsden presented a design plan to repair a failing subsurface sewage disposal system for this property. He stated that the property was originally a two family house being converted to a one family house and sold in an estate sale. He stated that the design plan was the best possible solution given the physical constraints of the lot and nearby wetlands. Mr. Marsden stated that the Conservation Commission conducted a site walk and would be making a decision at an upcoming meeting. The dimensions of the lot is 50'x190'.

Dr. Horowitz stated that she had concerns about the wetlands; however, was pleased to hear that the Conservation Commission was involved and visited the site and if they didn't have concerns, she was satisfied.

Mr. Marsden stated that the existing laundry drywell and existing septic system was to be abandoned. Health Agent Robert Overton stated that the proposed design was well suited for this site.

The following variances were requested:

Groton's Local Regulations

Section I.E.1 - Allow the system to be less than 100' from the vegetated wetlands. 100' required; 25' proposed.

Section I.E.7 - Allow the system to be less than 20' from the lot line. 20' required; 10' proposed.

Section I.F.1 - Leach beds and pits to be sized at 150% of Title V requirements. 150% required; 100% proposed.

310 CMR 15.404 Maximum Feasible Compliance

15.405(1)(f) - Offset to vegetated wetlands; 50' required, 25' proposed.

15.405(1)(I) - Offset to groundwater; 5' required; 4' proposed.

Chairman Horowitz made a motion to accept the proposed variances as written. The motion was seconded by Member Deuger and approved unanimously. The permit was signed by the Board members.

**Board of Health Candidates:**

- Chairman Horowitz stated that the Board of Health had a vacancy on the Board and received two candidates for the position. She welcomed both candidates and thanked them for their interest in applying. She asked if each candidate could give a brief overview of their background. She said that after their preliminary discussions, the Board would join the Board of Selectmen's meeting for the paper ballot election process.

Frank Mastrangelo – Mr. Mastrangelo stated that his current position was Associated Dean of Student Life at Lawrence Academy. He stated that in his primary responsibilities included the handling of administrative issues pertaining to both day and boarding students in the daily discipline, dormitory life, community service programs and overall student safety.

He stated that he is certified in Emergency Management and Red Cross training and said he had a strong medical background. He also stated that he is a member of the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health Tobacco Advisory Committee and assists in the tobacco compliance checks in town. In his capacity as Associated Dean, Mr. Mastrangelo is involved with summer camp requirements with the Nashoba Boards of Health and Division of Sanitation at Lawrence Academy.

Chairman Horowitz asked him if he was familiar with Title V. Mr. Mastrangelo stated "no."

Matthew Waterman – Mr. Waterman stated his current position was as Design Engineer with Landtech Consultants in Westford, MA. He said he received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, MA.

He stated that he designs and drafts submittals for projects for subdivisions and site plans. He stated that he is a certified

Title V system inspector and certified Title V soil evaluator. He said he is a candidate for his Professional Engineering license in the Spring of 2002.

Chairman Horowitz asked if he would have any conflicts with both existing and future developments in town. Mr. Waterman stated that his firm designed some of the systems on Autumn Leaf Drive; however, those homes are already permitted. He also stated that he designed a new single lot for a client, but again, that was already permitted. He stated that if a situation arose that had a conflict, he would step down from the Board for the discussions and decision.

The Board again thanked them for their interest and joined the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**Board of Health Election:** Present: Dr. Susan Horowitz, Jodi Deuger, Selectman Peter Cunningham, Selectman Dan Chamberlinn, Selectman Tom McCuin

Both candidates presented a brief outline of their current job responsibilities and experiences. After a brief discussion with questions from the Selectmen to both candidates, a paper ballot was taken:

Dr. Horowitz – Matt Waterman  
Jodi Deuger – Matt Waterman  
Peter Cunningham – Matt Waterman  
Tom McCuin – Frank Mastrangelo  
Dan Chamberlinn – Frank Mastrangelo

Administrative Officer Jean Kitchen read the results into the record. She instructed that Mr. Waterman get sworn in at the Town Clerk's office the following day.

The Board of Health returned to their own meeting and resumed normal business.

**General Business:**

1. Covanta: Chairman Horowitz stated that a meeting to discuss Covanta's financial affairs was conducted on February 19, 2002. She stated that the attendees had read the current contract, due to expire in 2005, and recommended that they leave it alone at this point.
2. Stable License: A form will be sent out with the next tax bill to all residents asking for species of animals. Chairman Horowitz requested that current lists be obtained from the Assessor's office and the Animal Inspector.
3. Food Inspections: Member Jodi Deuger requested that the Food Inspector come to a meeting to explain the process for inspections. This will be scheduled at an upcoming meeting.
4. Well Regulations: The Board recommended that the Well Regulations be tabled until a full Board is present.

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**Adjournment:**

Chairman Horowitz made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approvals:**

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Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

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Jodi Deuger, Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra A. Butcher

