

# Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2002

## Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Jodi Deuger, Matthew Waterman

## Others Present:

Debra Butcher

## Meeting Called to Order:

Dr. Horowitz called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

## Minutes:

\*Member Waterman made a motion to amend the minutes of July 15, 2002. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

\*Member Waterman made a motion to amend the minutes of June 10, 2002. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

## Permits Signed/Approved:

\*138 Hayden Road; Linda & Michael Babin

\*698 Townsend Road; George Gallagher

138 Hayden Road: Present: Russ Wilson, R. Wilson & Associates; Linda Babin, owner

Mr. Wilson presented the abutter notification receipt cards for the record. He stated that the property has a system failure backing up and a plan was designed for the upgrade. He said that both Member Matthew Waterman and Health Agent Robert Overton requested that the primary and expansion areas be switched on the plan which needed the approval of the following variance:

Groton Board of Health 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.

Mr. Wilson requested a distance of 50 feet.

Mr. Overton wrote a memorandum to the Board that stated the following:

*The plans have been revised showing the new primary and reserve area locations. Everything looks okay except the engineer left the test hole and percolation locations off the new plan – they were on the first submittals.*

*I recommend the Board signs the permit with the condition that the plan be revised showing the testing locations prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.*

Mr. Wilson stated that the placement of the leaching facility was down gradient of the drainage ditch so he felt that there was no public health risk to the environment. He said that the placement of the system would reduce the necessity of cutting several trees.

Member Waterman requested that the final design include the test pit locations as requested in Mr. Overton's memorandum. Mr. Wilson stated that that was an error on his part and that he would include it on the final drawing. Member Waterman said that he was comfortable with the variance requests. Member Deuger made a motion to approve the requested variance as written, seconded by Member Waterman, and voted unanimously to approve.

## General Business:

1. Well Regulations – The Board signed the Well Regulations.
2. E-Coli – Debra Butcher updated the Board on the closing of Grotonwood beach due to elevated e-coli bacteria found. She stated that samples were taken on Sargisson Beach on Tuesday and Nashoba is awaiting the test results for determination on whether it was necessary to close the town's beach as well. She will call with a status report. Member Waterman recommended that notification be placed on the Website if beaches are closed.
3. David Roy – Chairman Horowitz stated that she would like a letter sent to Mr. Roy commending him on his efforts at the Transfer Station while Bruce Dubey is out. The Board supported that.
4. Debra Butcher informed the Board that she would be taking vacation days on July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and time in August.

## Adjournment:

Dr. Horowitz made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 am. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Approvals:

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Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

Jodi Deuger

Matthew Waterman

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra A. Butcher

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