

MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2002

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman; Jodi Deuger, Matthew Waterman

Others Present:

Robert K. Overton, R.S.; Anna Kopec (Senior volunteer who recorded minutes)

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Minutes:

Member Deuger made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of June 24, 2002. The motion was seconded by Member Waterman and approved unanimously.

Member Deuger made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of July 26, 2002. The motion was seconded by Member Waterman and approved unanimously.

Permits Approved/Signed:

- *134 Hill Road, Hollis Road Realty Trust
- *61 Old Orchard Lane, Matt Mitrano
- *341 Martins Pond Road; Scott Harker
- *176 Shelters Road; Nancy Robinson & Thomas Holt
- *14 Whitewood Road; Damien & Kerry Madden

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *BFI-\$6097.80
- *Pete's Tire Barns-\$2058
- *ApparelMaster-\$51.52
- *Covanta-\$6750.45
- *CCP Industries-\$164.24
- *Moison Ace Hardware-\$125.07
- *ZEP Manufacturing-\$208.20
- *Groton Herald (BOH)-\$30.00
- *Groton Electric Light-\$25.63
- *Groton Electric Light-\$7.50
- *Groton Electric Light-\$49.38
- *OHC at Deaconess Nashoba Hospital (New Hire: Keith Burchett)-\$120.00
- *Buckley Energy-\$27.92

36 Willowdale Road:

Applicant did not show up for meeting.

Waste Management: Present: John Horak, Division Manager; Bruce Dubey, Michael Brady

The Board requested a meeting with Mr. Horak to discuss disposal costs as they relate to "Pay as You Throw" and what impact the program would have to meet our tonnage requirements.

Mr. Horak stated that they presently bring trash into the Transfer Station, however, he stated that he would prefer to dispose in his own site. Member Matthew Waterman expressed his concern about impacts to tonnage amounts if Waste Management is eliminated. He questioned whether the contract with Covanta would become void if the town didn't produce enough trash to meet our Gross Annual Tonnage (G.A.T.) requirement. Discussion continued regarding tonnage.

Michael Brady stated that the program may take a year to implement and that the Recycling Committee will evaluate all its options prior to any implementation with the Town. The Board of Health recommended that future discussion be held as more supportive data is compiled.

61 Old Orchard Lane: Present: John Boardman, Ross Associates

Mr. Boardman presented abutter notice receipts for the record.

The following variance was requested:

Board of Health Regulations, Section I.A.5 – Minimum groundwater offset of five feet required; four feet is provided.

310 CMR 15.212 – Depth to groundwater – In soils with a percolation rate of 2 minutes per inch or less, the minimum offset to groundwater shall be five feet. Five feet required; four feet provided.

Mr. Overton stated that there was no additional runoff from the hill. He said the contractor was required to abide by the code.

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

341 Martins Pond Road: Present: Seth Lajoie, Ross Associates

Mr. Lajoie presented the upgrade plan to the Board. The following variances were requested:

Board of Health Local Regulations

Section I.A.1 - Minimum of two deep observation test holes and two percolation test holes required. One deep observation hole and one percolation test hole provided.

Section I.A.5 – Minimum offset from the estimated seasonal high groundwater table is five feet. Five feet required; four feet provided.

Section I.E.1 – Minimum offset distance from a bordering vegetated wetland to the leaching facility is 100 feet. 100 feet required; 63 feet provided.

Section I.F.1 – Leaching beds are to be sized 150% of the requirements of Title 5. Provided is a leaching bed with 100% the required area as specified in Title 5.

The Board had no concerns on the upgrade. Member Matthew Waterman made a motion to approve the variances as requested. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Moose Trail: Present: Mr. Tremblay, owner

Mr. Tremblay stated that the trailer was no longer occupied or hooked up to a septic system. Health Agent stated that he would do an inspection on August 13, 2002 for follow-up.

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176 Shelters Road: Present: Kevin Ritchie, Diversified Civil Engineering, Nancy Robinson, Dr. Eger, abutter

Mr. Ritchie presented abutter notice receipts for the record. Dr. Eger stated that neighbors supported the upgrade.

Mr. Ritchie stated that the variances were all necessary in order to maintain the required 100 foot separation between the well and the septic system.

The following variances were requested:

Groton Well Regulations 5.0 – To allow the placement of a well 15 feet from a property line. 50 feet required; 15 feet provided.

Groton's Septic Regulations, Section I.E.I – To allow the placement of a sewage disposal system 51 feet from a wetland. 100 feet required, 51 feet provided.

Groton's Septic Regulations, Section I.F.I – Leach beds and pits will be sized at 150% of Title 5 requirements. Leaching areas based on percolation rates greater than 14 minutes/inch shall have a reserve area of 150% of the primary area. 100% provided.

The Board asked if the property was to remain a seasonal residence. Health Agent Rob Overton stated that the plan provided a better alternative than a tight tank which was already approved.

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

14 Whitewood Road: Present: Stan Dillis, Dillis & Mische

Mr. Dillis presented copies of abutter notice receipts for the record.

Mr. Dillis presented an updated plan for the following variances:

Groton Board of Health Regulations

Section I.C.8 – Five feet of naturally occurring materials required; five feet required; 4.8 feet provided.

Section I.E.7 – Twenty foot offset to property line required; 20 feet required; 11 feet provided.

Section I.F.1 – 150% sizing for beds required; 100% provided.

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

54 Wenuchas Trail: Present: Stan Dillis, Dillis & Mische; Steve May, owner

Mr. Dillis stated that Mr. May wished to rehab the existing building and an increase in the size of the footprint was needed. He said there would not be an increase in flow in the sewage flow. The following variances were requested:

Groton Board of Health Regulations

Section I.A.1 - Only one test hole and percolation test was done. One provided, two required.

Section I.A.2 – Test holes not conducted “in season”.

Section I.C.5 – No reserve area provided.

Section I.E.1 – Less than 100’ from a wetland – 100’ required; 60’ provided.

Section I.E.3 – Less than 35’ from right-of-way; 35’ required; 12’ provided.

Section I.E.9 – Less than 15’ to breakout; 15’ required; 10’ provided.

Well less than 50’ from property line, 3’ provided.

Well less than 100’ from water, 3’ provided.

Well less than 100’ from leaching facility; 60’ provided.

Dr. Horowitz stated that prior to any decision by her, she would like to drive by the site. She said she attempted to find the site once but was unsuccessful. She had concerns regarding the number of variances requested.

The Board made no decision until a site visit was conducted.

35 Hidden Valley Road: Present: Todd Mancini, owner

Mr. Mancini requested a well permit for irrigation purposes. He stated that his property was on town water presently. He said that the lawn care standards were high in his neighborhood.

Dr. Horowitz stated that she was not in favor of approving irrigation wells. She said the State was against the usage of them and called watering large lawns an “incredible waste of water”.

After a brief discussion, Member Jodi Deuger made a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Tobacco Control Program: Joan Aseltine was not present for the discussion. Health Agent Rob Overton stated that more time was needed to check on state budget cuts. The Board agreed to revisit this at a later date.

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General Business:

1. West Nile Virus – Health Agent Rob Overton stated that no cases have been reported in Groton.
2. Multiple Town meeting – Emergency response – The Board agreed to attend the meeting.
3. Groton Conservation Trust – The Board voted unanimously to deny waiving disposal costs at the Transfer Station.

Adjournment: Member Jodi Deuger made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

Jodi Deuger, Member

Matthew Waterman, Member

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Kopec

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