

MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2002

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman; Matthew Waterman

Others Present:

Debra Butcher

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Horowitz called the meeting to order at 8:32am.

Permits Approved:

- *Woodland Park (Wildflower Lane), Lot 4; Robert Hicks
- *Woodland Park (Wildflower Lane), Lot 5; Robert Hicks

Bills Approved:

- *Evans on the Common-\$200.00
- *ApparelMaster-\$90.16
- *BFI-\$5436.20
- *PC Myette-\$49.98
- *Buckley Energy-\$6.63

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement

Dr. Horowitz signed the agreement with Clean Harbors for services for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for November 2, 2002 in Groton.

Emergency Meetings

Dr. Horowitz stated that she would like a full Board discussion on emergency meetings. She was very upset that Board members were being called at home for business issues. She stated that she would like a letter drafted to contractors and developers stating that this was no longer acceptable by the Board. The Board will continue discussion at its next public hearing.

Baddacook Pond Road (Assessor's K-49-B)

Dr. Horowitz stated that she attended a site walk on this property on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002 with Board member Jodi Deuger. She asked if Member Waterman could visit the site in preparation for the continuance of the public hearing. She said that she was inclined to not support the proposed area for the septic system and thought an alternative area would be more suitable. Mr. Waterman stated he would visit the site.

Weed Committee

Dr. Horowitz stated that the first Weed Committee meeting was scheduled for September 25, 2002 at 7pm and that Member Jodi Deuger was unable to make meetings on Wednesday nights. She stated that she had informed the Board of Selectmen's office that she will be attending the meetings on behalf of the Board of Health.

Transfer Station Sticker Refund

The Board of Health received a letter from former residents Karen & Scott Masse asking for a refund of \$45 (copy of letter attached). After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that it would not set a precedent and refund partial year stickers. Member Matthew Waterman made a motion to deny Mr. Masse's request for a refund. The motion was seconded by Chairman Horowitz and approved unanimously.

Nashoba Boards of Health Executive Board Meeting

Dr. Horowitz stated that she would like the following issues discussed at the Executive Board meeting:

1. Mosquito Control Program – Dr. Horowitz stated that the Board should begin discussion for a mosquito program for next Spring. She asked Member Waterman to discuss Nashoba Boards of Health’s position on spraying and find out if they are in support of any type of program. She requested that Member Waterman research what other towns are currently involved with and to formulate a strategy for future spraying for mosquitoes. Dr. Horowitz recommended that the Board allocate approximately \$20K for funding, especially in areas of brush cutting and mosquito testing and to work with the Highway Surveyor on cleaning out catch basins. She said that West Nile Virus has been found in Groton and it’s a public health concern.
2. Tobacco Program – Dr. Horowitz stated that the State has cut funding for our representative from Nashoba Boards of Health so the position no longer exists. She asked Member Waterman to find out the status of keeping the program running and the Town’s role in it. She supports our regulations and the program and does not want it to end. Debra Butcher stated that she worked closely with Nashoba with the program and could assist with compliance checks if necessary.
3. FY04 Budget Discussion – Debra Butcher asked for support for additional clerical assistance next fiscal year. She stated that the budget process will begin in late fall/early winter and would like the Board’s support in increased hours for Stephanie Chisholm. The Board agreed to look at budget requests in the next few months. The Board also stated that they would support additional clerical help at the Transfer Station.

Adjournment

Member Waterman made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 am. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

Jodi Deuger, Member

Matthew Waterman, Member

Respectfully Submitted.
Debra Butcher