

MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2002

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Debra Butcher (recorded the minutes)

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Minutes: Regular Session October 28, 2002 – Member Matthew Waterman made a motion to amend a typographical error under the Tobacco Control section. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Permits Approved/Signed:

- *385 Boston Road; TABCOM – Local Upgrade Approval
- *Wharton Row, Lot 28; Newbury Street Development, Renewal
- *Wharton Row, Lot 17; Newbury Street Development, Renewal
- *138 Wharton Row, Lot 26; Newbury Street Development; Renewal
- *Wharton Row, Lot 11; Newbury Street Development; Reissue
- *Forest Drive, Lot B52B; Flavell Realty Trust
- *Little Hollow Lane, Lot B69; Flavell Realty Trust
- *Wildflower Lane, Lot 7 (Woodland Park); Robert Hicks

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *PC Myette-\$68.40
- *Airgas-\$68.23
- *Belmont Springs-\$27.00
- *Shattuck Oil-\$2.50
- *KAR Products-\$119.34
- *Moison Ace Hardware-\$57.74
- *Buckley Energy_\$686.82
- *Fleet Pride-\$304.16
- *Sully's Auto Repair & Towing-\$29.00
- *BFI-\$6531.05
- *ApparelMaster-\$96.60
- *Covanta-\$9282.24
- *Ayer Auto Parts-\$150.02
- *CYN Environmental-\$100.00
- *Groton Electric Light-\$45.83
- *Groton Electric Light-\$23.85
- *Groton Electric Light-\$9.53
- *Buckley Energy-\$55.80

PUBLIC HEARING – Town of Groton's Well Regulations: Present: Groton Water Commissioners: Mark Patenode, Christopher Kelley, Lawrence Swezey, Superintendent Thomas Orcutt, Administrator Kathy Morin; West Groton Water Supply District: Commissioner Jack Risdon; Superintendent Gordon Newell

Chairman Horowitz opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm and stated that the Board of Health was proposing an amendment to the current Well Regulations. She explained that it was necessary for the Board to have accurate information on the location of town water when deliberating on requested well variances. She stated that the Board of Health recently heard a request for a well variance was misled on where the current water line was located.

Chairman Horowitz stated that the Board was proposing adding the following language to Section IV – Well Construction/Deconstruction Permit:

8. *All well permit applications are subject to the review of the Town of Groton Water Department and/or the West Groton Water Supply District prior to issuance.*

Chairman Horowitz stated that the Board would like to implement a procedure that involves having the applicant of a well permit obtain actual location distances of where town water is from the local water department prior to the well permit being issued. She opened up discussion for public input.

Larry Swezey, Water Commissioner, stated that there was no guarantee that town water could serve the entire town, thus needing wells. Chairman Horowitz stated that since there was a "captive" audience, she would like to have feedback on ways to control the issuance of wells.

Water Superintendent Thomas Orcutt interjected and stated that the public hearing was publicized for the purpose of modifying one section only and that the public hearing should not stray to other areas of the regulations.

West Groton Water Superintendent Gordon Newell supported the amendment and asked if the Board would be establishing a "distance" requirement in feet. Chairman Horowitz stated that each well application would be handled individually before the Board and that the Well Regulations could be further revisited in the Spring.

After a brief discussion on the proposed form, Member Jodi Deuger made a motion to amend the regulations and add Section 8 as written and to begin using the "Water Location" form immediately. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

27 Whitney Pond Road: The applicant or engineer of record did not appear. The Board of Health took no action. The Board stated that the applicant would need to re-notify abutters.

Baddacook Pond Road: Present: Dan Wolfe, Ross Associates

Mr. Wolfe stated that Attorney Ray Lyons could not appear for personal reasons. He presented the Assessor's information for the file. He said that the square footage of the property was 1,130 and was outside the 400 foot Zone I radius of the existing Baddacook well.

Mr. Wolfe stated that the proposed upgrade was supported by the Board's Health Agent and was an vast improvement over the existing outhouse.

Member Jodi Deuger inquired about the future use of the property. Member Matthew Waterman asked if the Zoning Board of Appeals has made a determination. He asked if the property meets the requirement of the Massachusetts Housing Code (Chapter II). He said that he felt the applicant should be trying to make a "good faith effort" to clean up the property but would like the Health Agent report his findings under the housing code.

Chairman Horowitz stated that she felt the property has been abandoned and didn't meet any of the criteria of the Housing Code. She requested that the Board obtain an opinion from the Building Inspector on whether the property has been abandoned. She recommended that the application be withdrawn or have the Board deny the variances.

Mr. Wolfe asked if the Board would consider not voting on the application until the Health Agent had an opportunity to report on the Housing Code issues.

Member Jodi Deuger made a motion to obtain the Building Inspector's recommendation on whether the property has been abandoned prior to taking any action on the requested variance. The motion was seconded by Member Matthew Waterman and approved unanimously.

General Business:

1. Emergency Board of Health meetings – The members discussed the frequency of emergency meetings held. They recommended that discretion be used in determining future situations.
2. Weed Committee – Chairman Horowitz gave an update on the Department of Environmental Management workshop held. She stated that the State felt there was no problems with the use of diquat on invasive weeds in the lakes. Member Jodi Deuger stated that she felt more public input was needed.
3. Mosquitoes – Member Jodi Deuger updated the Board on mosquito control. She stated that she has been in

contact with the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control agency regarding trapping and mosquito control. The Board agreed that further discussion was necessary and recommended that Central Mass. come in for a meeting.

4. Tobacco Control – Member Jodi Deuger made a motion to continue efforts in the Tobacco Control program. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Debra Butcher will assist in tobacco compliance checks.
5. Pesticide Brochures – Sarah Little, Pesticide Awareness Coordinator for the Town of Wellesley, has been contacted and will be assisting us in creating one.

Adjournment: Member Jodi Deuger made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

Jodi Deuger

Matthew Waterman