

MEETING MINUTES  
June 23, 2003  
Town Hall, Groton, MA

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Jodi Deuger, Matthew Waterman

Others Present:

Benjamin Cutone, Louise Gaskins, Senior volunteer (recorded the minutes)

Meeting Called to Order:

Permits Signed/Approved:

- \*185 Lost Lake Drive; Town of Groton Fire Department
- \*106 Common Street; Zoe Eleftherio
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B45A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B43A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B46A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B51A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B21; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B44A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Winding Way, Lot B35A; Robert Lacombe
- \*49 Off Prescott Street; Nancy Rabidoux
- \*10 Rustic Trail; Doris Bush

Bills Approved/Signed:

- \*CCP-\$694.30
- \*Red Sun Press (Recycling Grant)-\$1883.00
- \*Nancy Rich Turtle-\$220.00
- \*Shattuck Printing-\$88.50
- \*ApparelMaster-\$77.28
- \*Buckley Energy-\$88.18
- \*Frank Mastrangelo-tobacco compliance mileage (6/10/03)-\$3.00

18 Breakneck Road- Charles Vlahos:

Since Mr. Vlahos had not arrived, the Board of Health addressed the first under "General Business".

New High School: June 17, 2003 fire update

The following points were discussed:

1. Being handled under D.E.P., School District and General Contractor notified.
2. Mr. Cutone went on site Friday, 6/20/03.
3. Burned material put aside and covered with hay bales around it.
4. Don't think water will be affected but tests will be made.
5. Cause of fire not determined.
6. Chemicals do not appear to have caused spontaneous combustion.
7. Scene evidence was destroyed because of how fire was put out.
8. School opening should not be affected.

Surrenden Farm: Present: Larry Beals, Beals Associates; Joseph Falzone, Attorney Ray Lyons; Michael Murphy, Deborah Farnsworth; Josh Degen & Michelle Collette

Mr. Beals stated that he was involved with the site plan and permits. He said last Fall he began the process which was presented and accepted by the Board. He reviewed the graphics of the area indicating the types of housing and stated their intent of how they are continuing to assess the soils to the point where there is "no" risk.

Dr. Horowitz indicated that Dr. Sundstrom, Consultant to the Board of Health, hasn't seen these plans. Therefore, she said that she prefers not to comment as such. She remarked that she needs to hear about all of the steps of the process if the soil is contaminated/removed/replaced.

Member Jodi Deuger felt that Dr. Sundstrom needed to hear about the changes, since the plans have changed considerably (from covering the top of the soil to removal), so she can make recommendations to the Board of Health.

Mr. Beals and Mr. Falzone asked the Board to make some comments as requested by the Planning Board.

Dr. Horowitz indicated that she the Board of Health needed to respond to the request for comments by the Planning Board, however, she was concerned about soil quality, its testing/replacement/restriction.

Attorney Lyons suggested that a statement could be given to the Planning Board that would permit the builder to proceed with the process.

Member Deuger expressed discomfort at using the suggested or any similar statement without Dr. Sundstrom's personal recommendations to the Board of Health, particularly the roadway work.

Planning Board member Josh Degen reminded the Board of the 45-day "window" it has to respond to the Planning Board.

Deborah Farnsworth indicated that the soil testing has been done. She said the report is pending the acquisition of the results. Mr. Beals and Mr. Falzone suggested language for comments to the Planning Board.

Member Matthew Waterman made a motion for the adoption of the recommended comments to the Planning Board. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Well Regulations – amendment discussion

The Board of Health reviewed the amendments and made comments to include language for clarification. Mr. Cutone and Member Waterman will draft the final language. Mr. Cutone presented a draft of a form for "Inspection for Public Water Supplies".

#### Board of Health Fee Schedule

The Board of Health decided to change its fee structure. They adopted the Littleton Board of Health fee structure. A public hearing will be scheduled for July 21, 2003.

Mr. Cutone will write a regulation and permit for portable toilets. The permit will be valid for 30 days only and the fee will be \$10.00.

The Board returned to "General Business".

18 Breakneck Road – Mr. Vlahos was still not present. Drive-by(s) by Dr. Horowitz and Mr. Cutone could not see everything from the road. However, Dr. Horowitz wanted a follow-up of photos. She said by the meeting in July, she wanted to go back to court. She said she will consult with Town Counsel. Member Deuger wanted the police to check out the property. If for any reason, the Board of Health suspected well contamination, it wishes to adopt language that required the property owner to have the well tested, preferably with a sample collected by the Health Agent.

#### Washington Green Comprehensive Permit

The Board will let the Zoning Board of Appeals know that there is a problem with this property.

### Rail Trail

Dr. Horowitz indicated that she was asked to bring up the issue that dog feces was a problem on the Rail Trail. After discussion, the members of the Board felt that this was not a problem they needed to act upon at this time.

### Wastewater Citizens Advisory Committee

Dr. Horowitz agreed to be the representative on the committee.

### William Miller

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The Board indicated that a letter needs to be written to Mr. Miller stating that originally that Brooks Orchard was contaminated. Member Deuger made a motion to have Ms. Butcher draft the letter to Mr. Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

### Title 5 Public Education

The members discussed different ways they might consider educating the public. This issue will be revisited in the future.

### Transfer Station-Bruce Dubey

Mr. Dubey and Member Waterman indicated that things went smoothly on Paint Day and that trash bags were selling well. All town departments must purchase bags at cost. They will be reminded to budget for bags for the next fiscal year.

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### Tobacco

Members were requested to read/note the letter in their packets regarding tobacco.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm by unanimously vote.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

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Jodi Deuger, Member

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Matthew Waterman, Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Louise E. Gaskins, Acting Secretary