

MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2003 - Special Session
Town Hall, Groton, MA

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Ben Cutone, R.S.; Debra Butcher

Meeting Called to order:

Chairman Horowitz called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Bills Approved/Signed:

*Advance Security - \$18.33

Permits Approved/Signed:

None

Emergency Preparedness Planning & Readiness Assessment:

Present: William Shute

Mr. Shute updated the Board on the survey completed by the Nashoba Boards of Health. He stated that he had concerns with the numerous answers that were answered "Don't Know/Not Sure" and how it would impact any future federal funding for the Town.

Mr. Shute stated that the deadline for completing the survey was December 31, 2003 and needed a confirmation letter from the Board of Health to join the consortium in order to secure long term planning and funding from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

The Board recommended that Mr. Shute meet with Ben Cutone and Debra Butcher to review the entire survey. Member Matthew

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Waterman made a motion to allow the Chair to sign a letter to form a regional coalition. The motion was seconded by Member Deuger and approved unanimously.

499 Boston Road: Present: Atty. Russell Mann

Attorney Mann stated that he represented the homeowner, Heidi Fenstermacher, and was also her father.

Chairman Horowitz asked for an update from Health Agent Ben Cutone. Mr. Cutone stated that on November 25, 2003 he sent an order letter as a direct result of numerous complaints from neighbors concerning trash and a dumpster on the property. He stated that dumpster has remained on the site, has become unsightly to the neighbors and has attracted rodents.

Attorney Mann stated that he contacted the dumpster company to remove the dumpster and will begin legal action against them if the dumpster is not removed.

Member Waterman requested proof of any communication and would like to see confirmation of it. He stated that he witnessed the site during the summer by driving by the site. He agreed that the dumpster was overflowing and the property was unsightly.

Chairman Horowitz requested that Mr. Mann send correspondence to the dumpster company and provide copies to the Board of Health. Member Deuger stated that the property presented a serious health issue with the attraction of rodents. She stated that she wanted the dumpster off the property by the end of the week (December 19, 2003).

Member Deuger made a motion to fine Ms. Fenstermacher \$100 each day, beginning Monday, December 22, 2003 at 8am, if the dumpster was not removed. Health Agent Ben Cutone will inspect the property at that time. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Moose Trail, Lot 48 – The Board of Health received a letter from Attorney Howard Hall asking for the Board to reopen the hearing

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concerning septic variances. Chairman Horowitz asked the Board if they were willing to reopen. Member Deuger stated “no”. Health Agent Ben Cutone recommended that the Board reopen the hearing if a new application was submitted. The Board agreed to send a letter stating that abutters needed to be notified and to re-file with the Conservation Commission and Earth Removal Committee.

Surrenden Farm – Dr. Horowitz stated that there has been a “change” in personnel and that MicroWaters was no longer involved. She stated that she contacted Town Counsel to get comments concerning the property plan and what the Board’s jurisdiction was over what needed to be conducted. She requested that Ms. Butcher send all minutes related to this property to Kopelman & Paige.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45am.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Susan Horowitz

Jodi Deuger

Matthew Waterman

Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Butcher

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