

MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2004
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Benjamin Cutone, R.S.; Debra Butcher

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Horowitz called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Permits Approved/Signed:

- *122 Pepperell Road; Rose Chaulk
- *Gibbet Hill Restaurant; Steve Webber
- *Autumn Leaf Drive, Lot 6; Candlelight Realty Trust

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *Shattuck Oil-\$131.92
- *Ayer Auto Parts-\$311.52
- *Groton Electric Light-\$6.86
- *Groton Electric Light-\$57.26
- *Groton Electric Light-\$216.34
- *Moison Ace Hardware-\$251.83
- *Shattuck Oil-\$227.28
- *ApparelMaster-\$96.60
- *Barnes Distribution-\$5.00
- *Covanta Haverhill-\$3398.76
- *Rick Lamarre & Son, Inc.-\$2853.18
- *Advance Security Systems-\$18.33
- *Belmont Springs-\$27.59
- *Fleet Pride-\$84.13
- *Fleet Pride-\$112.18
- *Casey & Dupuis-\$102.16
- *Casey & Dupuis-\$131.43

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122 Pepperell Road Present: Rose Chaulk, Rose Land Survey (formerly Bill Boston Survey)

Ms. Chaulk presented the repair design for this existing three bedroom property in West Groton. She stated that the property was for sale and requested the following variance:

Town of Groton's Local Regulations

Section I.F.1 - 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% of Title 5 requirements is being proposed.**

Ms. Chaulk stated that she designed the system in order to preserve the existing oak trees on the property and the only suitable location with suitable soils is where the existing system is located.

Discussion continued regarding the soil conditions and the percolation rates. Member Jodi Deuger asked how old the house was. Ms. Chaulk stated that it was built in 1912 with additions added later.

The Board asked about the existing back building and its use. Ms. Chaulk stated that the building currently serves as her office but has no bathroom facilities. Chairman Horowitz asked Health Agent Ben Cutone about the permitting process if the building was used for another purpose. Mr. Cutone stated that if the future owners wanted to put a bathroom in it, they would need to apply for a permit through his office and testing would need to be performed.

Chairman Horowitz recommended that a condition be placed on the permit concerning the house and back building. She asked if the other Board members had any problems with the design. Member Matthew Waterman stated that he didn't and made a motion to accept the requested variance subject to a condition that any changes to either building would require Board of Health approval. The motion was seconded by Member Deuger and approved unanimously.

Other Business:

Surrenden Farm – Chairman Horowitz stated that Susan Sundstrom would not be present to present the sampling plan. She stated that Dr. Sundstrom would like to speak individually with each Board member prior to the March 8, 2004 meeting.

Earth Removal Advisory Committee – Present: Michelle Collette, Robert Hanninen

Ms. Collette provided information regarding stabilization of the disturbed areas at the Surrenden Farm site. She stated that the Earth Removal Committee requests that the Board of Health review the material for the chemical to be used to hydro-mulch the area. She stated that the Earth Removal Committee voted to set a February 18, 2004 deadline for the work to be completed while the ground was still frozen.

Chairman Horowitz asked what the chemical was. She stated that she didn't want to compound any problems on the site. Mr. Hanninen stated that the chemical is used

for hydroseeding and is biodegradable to bind wood, paper, hay and straw fibers and was non-toxic.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Horowitz recommended that the Board of Health provide a conditional approval contingent upon a review of the chemical by Dr. Sundstrom. Member Deuger agreed and stated that the Board should leave the decision up to Dr. Sundstrom to determine if the chemical would not pose a risk.

Member Deuger made a motion to approve the use of the Hydro Tack based upon the review of Dr. Sundstrom and if there is a problem with the use, the Board will meet with the Earth Removal Committee on February 18, 2004. The motion carried unanimously.

Mosquito Control – Dr. Horowitz recommended that Groton resident Debbie Mendel be contacted and that if she wanted to pursue a mosquito article at Town Meeting, it should be done by citizen's petition.

Groton Gardens – Comments to Zoning Board of Appeals – The Board tabled the discussion until the February 23, 2004 meeting.

Transfer Station Personnel – Dr. Horowitz stated that she was aware of "internal personnel issues" at the Transfer Station. She recommended that the personnel attend the next Board of Health meeting to discuss them. Member Waterman recommended that he speak with each employee individually.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm by unanimous vote.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

Jodi Deuger

Matthew Waterman

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Butcher