

MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2004
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts 01450

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Ben Cutone, R.S. (recorded the minutes)

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Minutes:

The regular session minutes of February 23, 2004 and March 8, 2004 were approved as written.

Permits Approved/Signed:

- *111 Farmers Row, Lot 5; Robert Prescott (one year extension)
- *15 Gilson Road; Peter and Gina Cronin (upgrade)
- *Longfellow Road, Lot A; Don Haberman (new)
- *61 Lowell Road; Gibbet Hill LLC (restaurant – revised new)
- *Whitman Road; Lot 1; Ed O'Neill, Jr. (new)
- *Skyfields Drive, Lot 8; Robert Kobrin

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *Rick Lamarre & Son-\$4312.44
- *Covanta Haverhill-\$5154.30
- *Routhier Tire-\$363.50
- *GeoInsight (Surrenden Farm revolving fund)-\$3294.20
- *General Code Publishers-\$350.00
- *Myette Power Equipment-\$26.45
- *Shattuck Oil-\$96.97
- *Moison Ace Hardware-\$59.45
- *Groton Electric Light-\$6.97
- *Groton Electric Light-\$202.13
- *Groton Electric Light-\$52.27
- *Belmont Springs-\$28.18
- *Shattuck Oil-\$66.29
- *Buckley Energy-\$78.83
- *RJ Lacombe Septic Service-\$155.00
- *Advance Security Systems-\$18.33

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- *Mobile Consultants-\$10.08
- *Apparel Master-\$77.28
- *Evans on the Common-\$198.00
- *Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (4th qtr.)-\$5738.75
- *U. Mass Medical-\$1625.00

Williams Barn: Present: Vic Burton, Chairman

Mr. Burton was present to request permission to have a hand pump installed on an existing irrigation well located at the barn. He stated that the well was approximately 18 inches deep.

The Board requested that the approval be contingent upon the following conditions:

- 1) The hand pump have a lock or removable handle installed.
- 2) A sign posted on the building be visible indicating that there is no drinking water available.
- 3) Town Counsel review and approval.

The motion was made by Member Deuger to approve the request contingent upon the conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

Whitewood Road: Present: Elizabeth Montgomery, 29 Whitewood Rd.; Katherine Ranville, 22 Whitewood Rd.

Ms. Montgomery requested a meeting to discuss the rules and regulations concerning unsightly properties. She stated that there were properties on Whitewood Road that were littered with trash and debris. She said that she felt it was detrimental to her property value and was potentially a health threat to her and her neighbors.

Ms. Montgomery also complained that a neighbor continuously leaves their trash barrels at the curbside and wanted to know if there was any regulation to prevent that.

Health Agent Ben Cutone stated that there are State Housing Code regulations concerning the trash and debris. He stated that he would conduct a site inspection and provide a report to the Board. The Board requested that Mr. Cutone have a police escort when he conducts the inspection at 35 Whitewood Road.

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36 Willowdale Road: Present: William St. George, owner; Mr. & Mrs. King, 49 Willowdale Road; Ms. Magee & Adrian Morin

Health Agent Ben Cutone reported that a recent inspection of the property indicated that Mr. St. George was working to remove items from the property and was making progress. The Board was pleased with the progress but stated that they want at least 50% of the refuse removed by May 10, 2004 and 100% of it removed 30 days from that date. The motion was made by Member Deuger to set the timeframe for Mr. St. George to correct the violations on his property. The motion carried unanimously.

Skyfields Drive, Lot 8: Present: Dan Wolfe, P.E.

Mr. Wolfe presented a design plan for this lot and requested that the Board grant the following variance for the construction of a well:

Well Regulations:

Section IV - Town water shall be utilized when it exists within 500 feet of the property. *A private well is being proposed due to the lack of water pressure in the existing water line.*

He stated that the Water Department has certified that town water is approximately 25 feet to the public water supply, however, due to the lack of water pressure, a well was being proposed.

Member Deuger made a motion to approve the variance. The motion carried unanimously.

Landfill Capping Committee Present: James Greacen, Chairman

Mr. Greacen updated the Board on the proposals that were submitted for the landfill monitoring proposal. The Board requested that Mr. Greacen question the bidders further in regards to cost and length of monitoring. They asked that Mr. Greacen revisit this at the next meeting.

Surrenden Farm:

The meeting was cancelled by the applicant. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Minutes: The regular session minutes of February 23, 2004 and March 8, 2004 were approved unanimously as written.

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- Compost article: The Board voted unanimously to support the article at Town Meeting on April 26, 2004.

Nashoba Paddler: The Board voted unanimously to grant the variances for their camp license this year.

Homeland security funding: The Board voted unanimously to support spending money for this. Dr. Horowitz will be going to the Regional Planning Meeting and will report the Board's recommendations at the next meeting on how the money would be spent.

Board meeting time: The Board agreed to continue starting meetings at 7:30pm.

Emerson Medical Building: The Board provided comments.

Vlahos – 18 Breakneck Road: The Board requested that Town Counsel be contacted for an update on this property.

Transfer Station time clock: The Board was against having a time clock at the Transfer Station. Mr. Dubey was also against it.

466 Martins Pond Road: The Board voted unanimously to give Mr. Cutone authority to proceed in court if the owner didn't comply with the order to clean up the disposed construction debris.

Agenda items: The Board requested that they discuss their current Body Art regulations and a smoking ban at its next meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Susan Horowitz
Chairman

Jodi Deuger

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