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Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2004
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman; Robert Hanninen

Others Present:

Debra Butcher; Ben Cutone, R.S.

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *Belledeu & Co.-\$10.40
- *CTC Communications (BOH)-\$60.26
- *Metrostat-\$35.00
- *ZEP Manufacturing-\$180.33
- *CTC Communications (SW)-\$30.37
- *Clean Harbors-\$4800.00
- *Dr. Susan Sundstrom (Surrenden Farm)-\$6250.00

Permits Approved/Signed:

- *Chicopee Row, Lot 1; Gerald Borofsky
- *Island Pond Road; Lot 3 (transfer from Titan Corp.); Granite Bridge
- *Drumlin Hill Road; Lot 7; Dr. Jay Decoteau
- *125 Farmers Row; Elizabeth O'Brien

Board of Health Reorganization

Dr. Horowitz tabled this item until the entire Board was present.

331 Longley Road: Present: Judith Graves, Ross Associates; William Foley, abutter

Ms. Graves presented a design plan for a variance for a new drilled well to replace the existing well and suction pump. The following variance was requested:

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Groton's Well Regulations

Section VI - Minimum of 50 feet to the property line; *17 feet provided.*
Minimum of 75 feet to the roadway; *32 feet provided.*

She stated that she received a certification from the Water Department that town water was over 6,000 linear feet away.

Dr. Horowitz requested comments from Health Agent Ben Cutone. Mr. Cutone stated that the well variance was necessary to maintain the 100 linear foot offset to the sewage disposal system. He said that the existing well would be decommissioned if a new well was approved. He reported that he had no problems with the variances being granted.

Discussion continued regarding location of the new well and answered concerns raised by abutter Mr. Foley who attended the meeting.

Member Robert Hanninen made a motion to approve the well variances at 331 Longley Road because there was no place else on the property to locate it in compliance with Title 5. The motion was seconded by Dr. Horowitz and approved.

37 McCarthy Drive Present: Stan Dillis, Dillis & Mische; Richard & Catherine DeBeaucourt, 15 McCarthy Drive

Mr. Dillis presented a sewage disposal engineering plan for a septic upgrade to the property. The following variances were requested:

Town of Groton's Septic Regulations

- Section I.E.6 - Minimum of thirty five (35) feet must be available between the edge of any street, passageway or road line and the entire exterior perimeter of any proposed leach area. **14.5 feet provided.**

Section I.E.7 - Minimum of twenty (20) feet must be available between any property line and the entire exterior perimeter of any proposed leach area. **13.5 feet provided.**

Mr. Dillis stated that in order for the sewage disposal system to meet the 100 linear foot offset to the existing well serving the property, the system must be located in the area requiring the variances. He said that the site has a low

water table placing the system below the existing grade. He said that the system has currently failed a Title 5 report.

Member Robert Hanninen made a motion to accept the variance as requested. The motion was seconded and approved.

- 16 Moors Road Present: Tessa David, homeowner

The hearing was continued from June 14,2004 in order to have new lab results submitted for nitrates.

Mr. Cutone stated that he received reports that were below the Title 5 standard, therefore, he had no objections with the Title 5 report being made a pass under State Law.

Member Robert Hanninen made a motion to accept the Title 5 report as a pass. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. Horowitz recommended that the applicant have the well tested often.

Surrenden Farm – The applicant requested a continuance since all members of the Board of Health were not present (see email attached). Dr. Horowitz requested that a special meeting be held during the week of August 2, 2004 and that the meeting be covered by Cable TV.

OTHER BUSINESS

Williams Barn – Site Plan Review – Comments to Planning Board - The Board requested that if this facility experienced an increase in use, the property should be served by town water and a new sewage disposal system be constructed.

Smoking Ban - The Board tabled discussion.

70 Pepperell Road – Mr. Cutone stated that he spoke with the Building Inspector and that he had no concerns about the dwelling being converted to a duplex. Dr. Horowitz made a motion to condition any approval restricting the dwelling to 3 bedrooms and a Title 5 performed every three years. The motion was seconded and approved.

Rain barrels – The Board voted unanimously to endorse a rain barrel program, sponsored through the New England Rain Barrel Co. and supported by the State, for residents to collect rain water for irrigation. The memorandum stated that residents may purchase 55-gallon plastic barrels from the company for half its retail price and place them beneath their downspouts from the roof of their homes to collect rain water during dry weather.

Mr. Cutone cautioned that residents should cover them in order to prevent mosquito problems. Dr. Horowitz recommended that residents place mosquito dunks in them.

Member Robert Hanninen made a motion to support the program provided that it doesn't become a reservoir for mosquitoes. The motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman

Matthew Waterman, Member

Robert Hanninen, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra A. Butcher

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