

TOWN OF GROTON

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Special Session Meeting Minutes **October 25, 2004** **Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts**

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman; Robert Hanninen

Others Present:

Debra Butcher; Ben Cutone

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Special Town Meeting Articles (October 25, 2004) – Board of Health positions

***Article 28:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract of more than three years for trash disposal or take any action thereon.*

Chairman Horowitz stated that four proposals were received by the Town and the trash contract committee felt that Covanta was the best choice. She stated that Town Meeting approval was needed to grant the contract because Covanta proposed a ten year contract.

Member Robert Hanninen made a motion to recommend a ten year contract with Covanta at Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Articles 19-22: Sewer Extension articles

Chairman Horowitz stated that she attended the Sewer Commissioner's meetings and supported the four articles as proposed. She stated that a town study was performed by Woodard & Curran and problems were identified along this area. She stated that the funding would come from betterments only and that no town funds would be used. Chairman Horowitz said that during the Sewer Commissioner's public hearings, residents were concerned about the

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possibility of additional development if the sewer was extended. She stated that this would not occur because capacity was already spoken for.

Member Robert Hanninen made a motion to support Articles 19 through 22 at Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Oak Ridge Estates (40B)

Chairman Horowitz stated that she received a call from a resident concerned about this 40B project. She said that the Zoning Board of Appeals has not closed the hearing and the applicant is requesting "blanket" approvals on waivers from other Town Boards. She requested that a letter be sent to the Board of Selectmen and Zoning Board of Appeals stating that the applicant must abide by the Board of Health's local regulations. She stated that if the applicant wants waivers to be approved, the applicant must meet with the Board of Health and present their requests.

Member Hanninen made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen and ZBA. The motion was seconded and approved.

Flu Vaccine Update

Health Agent Ben Cutone stated that the State has received 340,000 flu vaccination doses but won't release them until further notice. He reported that the Stated would be receiving additional vaccines January as well. However, he informed the Board that flu activity is currently low in the area. Mr. Cutone also stated that Nashoba Associated Boards of Health is currently drafting a district press release to be published in the local newspapers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25am.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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Dr. Susan Horowitz	Matthew Waterman	Robert Hanninen
Chairman		

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra A. Butcher