

TOWN OF GROTON

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Meeting Minutes May 3, 2005 Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman; Robert Hanninen

Others Present:

Debra Butcher; Board of Health Candidate Jason Weber

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Minutes:

The regular session minutes of March 7, 2005 were approved as amended. The minutes of April 4, 2005 & April 19, 2005 were tabled.

Permits Signed/Approved:

- *77 Nashua Road; Adrian & Maud Ayson
- *Little Hollow Lane; Lot B-70; DML Homes (Dennis Lacombe)
- *473 Chicopee Row; Craig Fontaine
- *47 Peabody Street; Matthew Foley
- *Breakneck Road; Lot 3; Margaret Devine
- *Brownloaf Road; Lot 6; (transfer) Steven Parrella

Permits Tabled:

- *213 Whiley Road; Lauren Sellers

Squannacook Hills 40B discussion: Present: Michelle Collette, Planning Board Administrator

The Board of Health discussed the requirements of a sewage disposal system located within a designated nitrogen sensitive area in the Zone III Water Protection District and their concerns with the possible development of this project within that area.

Ms. Collette stated that the West Groton Water Supply District is in the process of developing two new well sites and both areas are located downgradient along the Squannacook River. She stated that the proposed Squannacook Hills development contains 24 two-bedroom units totaling 48 bedrooms and that 12 acres are required for a construction of that size. She said that the site for this development only contains approximately 3.5 acres, therefore, only 15 bedrooms would be allowed.

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Ms. Collette stated that the West Groton Water Supply District's Superintendent sent a letter stating that the Squannacook Hills project would have no impact to the potential well site. The Board

disagreed with the Superintendent and felt that a danger existed if Squannacook Hills was built within the Squannacook River watershed and could potentially contaminate nearby drinking wells.

The Board of Health voted to send the following comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. The Board of Health believes that the sewage disposal system should have a separate primary and reserve leaching area and that no Board of Health waivers be granted.
2. The Board of Health urges the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider that this project is located within a Zone III Water Resource Protection District and could affect potential well sites.
3. The Board will require stringent chemical analysis of material brought to the site.

OTHER BUSINESS

Seven Hills Extended Day Care – Site Plan Modification

The Board discussed the modification and voted to send the following comments:

1. This project is served by town water and sewer.
2. It's the Board of Health's understanding that the Fire Chief and Massachusetts Department of Public Health have jurisdiction over this matter.
3. The Board wishes to be informed of any future renovations at this facility.

Surrenden Farm – Chairman Horowitz stated that Town Counsel has not received any information from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Health Agent Update

366 Lost Lake Drive – Health Agent Ben Cutone was absent from the meeting but sent comments via a memorandum to the Board. The memo stated that Mr. Johnson was making adequate progress.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Susan Horowitz
Chairman

Matthew Waterman

Robert Hanninen

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra A. Butcher