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**MEETING MINUTES  
September 6, 2005  
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts**

**Board of Health Members Present:**

Robert Hanninen, Chairman; Dr. Susan Horowitz

**Member(s) Absent:**

Jason Weber

**Others Present:**

Ben Cutone, R.S.; Debra Butcher

**Meeting Called to Order:**

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

**Septic Permits Signed/Approved:**

- \*Old Dunstable Road; Lot 9; Patenaude Construction
- \*3 Forge Village Road (Day Spa); Samantha Realty Trust

**Bills Signed/Approved:**

- \*Advance Security Systems-\$18.33
- \*ApparelMaster-\$77.28
- \*Ayer Auto Parts-\$542.43
- \*Belmont Springs-\$27.00
- \*CCP Industries-\$111.25
- \*Dunn Battery-\$59.90
- \*Evans on the Common-\$185.00
- \*Global Petroleum-\$332.60
- \*Groton Electric Light Dept. -\$23.73
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- \*Groton Electric Light Dept. -\$6.86
- \*J&R Repair Service-\$202.50
- \*Moison Ace Hardware-\$469.59
- \*Verizon (Solid Waste)-\$18.41
- \*Walnut Printing-\$854.00
- \*ZEP Manufacturing-\$88.95
- \*East Coast Electronics-\$625.00
- \*Verizon (Board of Health)-\$36.02
- \*W.B. Mason-\$198.81
- \*Levine Fricke-\$1,023.50

Public Hearing – Underground Storage Tanks, Chapter 280: Present: Fire Chief Joseph Bosselait; James Gmeiner; Harlan Fitch; Susan Slade; Lorraine Scampini

Chairman Hanninen read the public notice into the record to consider the following language:

*"All applications for the installation of commercial or residential underground fuel storage tanks shall be submitted to the Groton Board of Health thirty (30) days prior to any permits being issued. Underground fuel storage tanks shall not be installed in local or stated approved Zone I, II, or III Water Resource Protection Districts."*

Chairman Hanninen stated that the most of Chapter 280 was under the purview of the Groton Fire Chief, however, the Board of Health wanted to maintain the ability to review all applications prior to permitting.

James Gmeiner questioned why the Board of Health was proposing not allowing underground storage tanks within a Zone III area when the Planning Board would allow construction through their own Special Permit.

After a brief discussion regarding the proposed language, the Board of Health concluded that more review needed to be done prior to making any extensive changes to the regulation where it referenced the Board of Health.

Chairman Hanninen proposed that he and Ben Cutone review the entire Chapter prior to conducting a future public hearing. He made a motion to *not* adopt the proposed language. The motion was seconded by Member Horowitz and approved.

26 Stonecleave Lane Present: Susan Slade, owner; Lorraine Scampini, abutter

Ms. Slade stated that she had concerns about a horse farm being proposed on her abutters' property. She stated that her well was approximately 22 feet from the property line and she was very concerned about the possibility of horse waste materials contaminating her well.

Chairman Hanninen stated that as a member of the Earth Removal Advisory Committee, he had already walked the property and was familiar with the site.

Ms. Scampini stated that all manure material would be stored down gradient from any wells and would be at least 100 feet from any wells in the area. She stated that it was her desire to be a good neighbor and would be willing to have her neighbors' well tested prior to placing any horses on her property in order to establish baseline data.

Member Horowitz asked if a manure management plan was in place. Ms. Scampini said that she contacted Health Agent Ben Cutone to see if there were any local regulations concerning the storage of manure and he stated there were none in place other than not to create a nuisance through odor. She said that it was also her concern not to contaminate her own well.

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Ms. Scampini stated that it was her plan to build a platform to store manure which she felt was a good step in preventing runoff and contamination.

Member Horowitz stated that while Groton was "agricultural friendly", she suggested that Ms. Scampini transport manure to the Transfer Station and off the site. Ms. Scampini stated that it was her intention to spread a certain amount of manure back onto her property to establish a growing pasture.

Chairman Hanninen suggested that the property be revisited in the spring after the project is complete and when conditions would be at their worse to determine where runoff was going. Member Horowitz requested that Ms. Scampini provide protection for nuisance laws and not create an odor problem with her neighbors. Ms. Scampini stated that she would do everything she could to be a good neighbor.

Chairman Hanninen recommended that Ms. Slade test her well. Ms. Slade stated that she was planning on doing that in conjunction with her house inspection.

In closing, the Board of Health recommended that Ms. Scampini create a manure plan and to put a pad in place for storage.

447 Lowell Road Present: Anthony Celeste, owner

Mr. Celeste requested a decision from the Board of Health in determining a bedroom count on his property. He stated that when he purchased the house in 1999, the Title 5 report indicated that it was a four bedroom home. He said that the building permit indicated that the house consisted of four bedrooms.

Chairman Hanninen requested comments from Health Agent Ben Cutone. Mr. Cutone stated that the septic permit for this property was approved for three bedrooms. He stated that the building permit for the original building indicated three bedrooms but the building plans clearly identified four bedrooms. Mr. Cutone stated that he calculated sewage disposal sizing calculations and concluded that the system was large enough to accommodate a four bedroom dwelling. He had no objections with the Board of Health approving this request.

Member Susan Horowitz requested that a condition be placed on approval stating that if the sewage disposal system failed, a new system would need to be built to current Title 5 requirements.

Member Susan Horowitz made a motion to approve the determination that the sewage disposal system was adequate to accommodate a four bedroom dwelling with the condition that any upgrade to the septic system be in full compliance with Title 5 and local regulations. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hanninen and approved.

Surrenden Farm Present: Donald Cooper, William Conley

***The hearing was recorded by a stenographer hired by the applicant for Surrenden Farm.***

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Chairman Hanninen stated that there have been no filings from either the applicant's consultants or the town's consultants and the only new item was that a site walk was conducted.

Attorney Cooper concurred and that it was his understanding that the only item to be addressed was the site walk. He stated that a new filing would be submitted from Drs. Shatkin and Stephenson by Friday and would be electronically and hard-copied sent to the Board of Health office.

The Board of Health members thanked Attorney Cooper for attending.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Pineridge 40B New Plan – Comments to Zoning Board of Appeals

After discussion of the project, the Board of Health voted to send the following comments:

1. In writing, the historical use of the property.
2. No local Board of Health waivers be granted.

3. Groundwater monitoring calculations be provided.
4. The sewage disposal system design maintain a five-foot groundwater offset.
5. Separate primary/reserve sewage disposal areas.
6. No retaining walls be employed for the sewage disposal system as part of the engineering design.
7. The project be served by town water.
8. The Board of Health should be notified of all future meetings concerning this project.
9. The Board of Health is concerned about the implications caused by Conductorlab.
10. The preliminary plans for this project show inadequate soil testing for the leaching facility.
11. The Board of Health has not received septic system engineering design plans at this point.
12. The applicant has requested no Title 5 or local variances to date.
13. The primary and secondary leaching facility should not be paved over.

Transfer Station Present: Bruce Dubey, Transfer Station Supervisor

Mr. Dubey requested approval to eliminate plastics nos. 3-7 because the town was losing money with them. He requested that only plastic nos. 1&2 be recycled and have residents dispose of 3 through 7 in their regular household trash.

Member Horowitz recommended that Mr. Dubey contact the Selectmen's office to be put on their agenda so the meeting could be viewed on television. Mr. Dubey said that he would contact the Selectmen's office.

Mr. Dubey reported that he was putting an article on the warrant for Special Town Meeting for October for a new baler. He stated that the baler would cost

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approximately \$55K. He said the existing baler was in need of repair and the new one would be more cost efficient to the Town.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

366 Lost Lake Drive – Health Agent Ben Cutone stated that Mr. Johnson was making progress in the front yard but was regressing in the backyard. The Board agreed to continue to monitor the site and to send a letter reminding Mr. Johnson about his commitment to have the site cleaned by September 21, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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Robert Hanninen  
Chairman

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Dr. Susan Horowitz

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Jason Weber

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra A. Butcher

