

TOWN OF GROTON
Groton Board of Health
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MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2006
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts

Members Present:

Robert Hanninen, Chairman; Dr. Susan Horowitz

Member Absent:

Jason Weber

Others Present:

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

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Permits Approved/Signed:

- *Paugus Trail, Lot B29; Robert Lacombe
- *Winding Way, Lot B34; Robert Lacombe
- *Paugus Trail, Lot B24; Robert Lacombe
- *Little Hollow Lane, B71; Robert Lacombe
- *323 Main Street; Shawn Sullivan
- *46 Drumlin Hill Road; Rick Howe

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *Shattuck Oil-\$552.51
- *Shattuck Oil-\$234.75
- *Ayer Auto Parts-\$152.09
- *Belmont Springs-\$27.00
- *Covanta-\$5472.08
- *Levine Fricke-\$2047.00
- *Advance Security Systems-\$18.33
- *Moison Ace Hardware-\$105.26
- *Airgas-\$24.50
- *WB Mason-\$8.44
- *Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (3rd quarter)-\$5738.75
- *Community Healthlink (Herbert Lipton-July 1-Sept. 30, 2005)-\$1625.00
- *Community Healthlink (Herbert Lipton-Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2005)-\$1625.00
- *Lamarre & Son-\$2079.99
- *Global Montello Group-\$160.38
- *Groton Herald-\$136.00
- *Pete's Tires-\$1377.50

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95 Main Street: Present: Ms. Shaheda Rizvi, owner; Suzanne Lavasseur, tenant

Mrs. Rizvi asked that all violations cited on her property be varied. The Board varied all violations coded 400, 480 and 500. The vote was 2-0 in favor of the variances. The Board of Health did not vary the 351 violations because it is prohibited by 105 CMR 410.

Dr. Horowitz reminded Ms. Rizvi that as a landlord, she was going to be held to a higher standard and she must comply with the housing code to protect her tenants. She stated that due to the age of the house, the Board of Health was able to grant variances except for the electrical.

23 Radio Road Present: Ben Osgood, N.E. Engineering Services

Mr. Osgood requested variances to replace the existing cesspool. He stated that there were no other options available. The Board of Health granted the variances 2-0 with the following conditions:

1. The pressure distribution component of the system be inspected annually by a licensed inspector.
2. The septic tank is pumped annually.
3. The footprint, height, and bedroom count (3) of the dwelling is never increased.

284 Whiley Road: Present: Jack Visniewski, Cornerstone Land Consultants

Mr. Visniewski presented the sewage disposal plan. The neighbors were from the previous meeting were present and were fine with the proposed project. The Board of Health granted the variances 2-0 with the following conditions:

1. The project must receive Zoning Board of Appeals approval.
2. The septic tank must be pumped annually.
3. The footprint of the building is not larger than 26'x36' as shown on the plan dated 6-27-05 and revised 10-24-05.
4. If public water ever becomes available in accordance with the Board of Health regulations, the owner is required to connect within 2 years.

Brooks Orchard Present: Robert Pine, Pine & Swallow

Mr. Pine briefed the Board of Health about Brooks Orchard. He stated that apple trees would be removed by Mr. Bennett Black using an excavator. He said that trees were being removed at this time of year to limit the amount of dust created.

Dr. Horowitz recommended that Mr. Black take all appropriate caution (i.e. protective gear) because of the arsenic in the orchard.

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HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

1. Mr. Cutone informed the Board that James Garreffi and he met with the Groton Police, the Dunstable Police Chief, William Shute and the facilities director for the Groton/Dunstable Regional School District. He said the meeting was to discuss the location and operation for an emergency vaccine/medication distribution center. He said that there were many logistical items that needed to be discussed.
2. Mr. Cutone informed the Board that there has been no action at 366 Lost Lake Drive and that he has not spoken with Mr. Johnson in some time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert Hanninen
Chairman

Dr. Susan Horowitz

Jason Weber

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Cutone, R.S.
(Recorded minutes)