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Special Session Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2006
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts

Board of Health Members Present:

Robert Hanninen, Chairman (recorded the minutes); Dr. Susan Horowitz, Jason Weber

Meeting Called to Order:

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

New Proposed Regulation - 593 Account: Present: Michelle Collette

Chairman Hanninen marked up the Planning Board's regulation that was in effect to make a first pass at applying this to the Board of Health. Ms. Collette explained the process for getting the accounts in place but noted that the Board had to decide what type of projects would require a pre-payment fee for review by outside consultants and the basis of the fees charged. Several suggestions included, but not limited to, land which had been contaminated by chemicals, leaking tanks, accidental releases (holding those responsible for a problem financially accountable), old landfill remediation, transportation incidents, large subdivision or industrial site review which may include community or industrial waste water systems. It was agreed that exemptions may be given for governmental entities, but that fee exemption should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Chairman Hanninen agreed to review the proposal with Nashoba Associated Boards of Health to get a sense of costs and scopes of work that is outside their expertise as well as to review costs of consultant work done for the Board of Health. A proposal will be presented to the Board at the second meeting in February.

Underground Storage Tank Regulation

Chapter 280 was reviewed and the following changes were suggested:

1. The title and initial references should include both underground and above ground tanks since leaky above ground tanks can also pollute.
2. Hazardous solids and gases in tanks should be included in the applicability.
3. Section "B" should remain in to allow review by the Board. The Board of Selectmen also are listed as the licensing authority. The Board of Health cannot change that portion.
4. Inventory records should be submitted to the Board of Health yearly.
5. Section 280-4 should include hazardous materials in addition to fuels, etc.
6. Most recent State code (527 CMR 9.00, appendix 1) should be referenced rather than included in the regulation.
7. Section 280-6 Reporting – The Board of Health will consult with the Chief to

determine frequency.

- 8. Section 280-7 – Leaking tanks must be removed within 30 days.
- 9. Abandoned Tanks – Section 280-7D
- 10. Testing of tanks shall be by most recent State Regulation method (citation needed).
- 11. Variances – Add “in consultation with the Groton Fire Chief”.

Chapter 286 was reviewed and the Board agreed to leave it as is. The regulation should remain because there may be times when the Department of Environmental Protection is slow or doesn't respond to a local problem.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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