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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 21, 2006**  
**Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts 01450**

**Board of Health Members Present:**

Robert Hanninen, Chairman; Dr. Susan Horowitz; Jason Weber

**Others Present:**

Ben Cutone, R.S.; Debra Butcher

**Meeting Called to Order:**

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

**Minutes:**

The minutes of January 23, 2006 were approved as written. The minutes of January 17, 2006 & February 6, 2006 were approved as amended.

**Septic Permits Approved/Signed:**

- \*Quail Ridge Road, Lot 4; Fox Meadow Realty Corp.
- \*137 Hill Road; Robert Wiles
- \*Quail Ridge Road, Lot 6; Fox Meadow Realty Corp.

**Bills Approved/Signed:**

- \*ApparelMaster-\$77.28
- \*Belmont Springs-\$26.26
- \*Global Montello Group-\$57.39
- \*Liberty Supply-\$84.00
- \*Liberty Supply-\$65.50
- \*Sully's Auto Repair/Towing-\$58.00
- \*Verizon (SW)-\$19.56
- \*WB Mason-\$132.04
- \*Verizon (BOH)-\$35.06

**Storm Water Management By-Law Present: Michelle Collette, Edward Perkins**

Ms. Collette presented the storm water by-law and stated that the Earth Removal Advisory Committee had been working on the draft since April 2005. She stated that the by-law was established in accordance with the Clean Water Act to improve water quality by removing unwanted pollutants and sediments. She stated that the low impact by-law complied with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit requirements and if adopted at Town Meeting, it would replace the existing Soil Erosion and Sediment Control by-law that has been in place since 1998.

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Ms. Collette stated that some of the reasons for the original by-law were due to the erosion problems that existed on Lovers Lane. Ms. Collette stated that the by-law had components that would

eliminate discharges of pollutants into the environment and would have exemptions including land reserved for agricultural or forestry use, tree removal, roadside vegetative maintenance, weed control. She said that if the by-law were adopted at Town Meeting, it would be administered by the Earth Removal Advisory Committee.

Ms. Collette stated that she would be meeting with other boards and commissions and establish consistency among all town departments who dealt with land use issues. Ms. Collette reported that the Earth Removal Advisory Committee would be holding a public hearing on April 5, 2006.

The Board of Health supported the by-law as written. Chairman Hanninen recommended that the Board support the article at the upcoming Town Meeting.

#### Groton Residential Gardens – Request for Irrigation Well variance

At the request of the applicant, the Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing to March 6, 2006 at 9pm.

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#### Gordon Newell, West Groton Water Supply District Superintendent

Mr. Newell presented (2) water use restriction by-laws adopted by the Towns of Middleton and Falmouth. Mr. Newell requested the Board's comments concerning adopting a town wide water restriction by-law to cover private wells and ask that they help sponsor the by-law.

Discussion followed concerning guidelines for residents to follow for outside watering to meet new legislation from the State. Mr. Newell stated that it was his goal to put an article at the Annual Town Meeting in preparation of the summer season. The Board of Health felt that more public hearings and education was needed and that possibly the Fall Town Meeting was a better choice.

Member Horowitz stated that she supported this and suggested that the Board amend the Town's Well Regulations immediately. The Board recommended that they add a "Certificate of Compliance" approval area on the well permits.

The Board thanked Mr. Newell and will revisit the Well Regulations in April.

#### 9 Valley Road: Present: Ann Nolette, homeowner; Viola Nolette

Ms. Nolette requested a meeting in order to obtain a Certificate of Compliance for her septic system located at 9 Valley Road. Ms. Nolette stated that a permit was granted on May 4, 1998 and the system was installed by Robert Black. She stated that she is attempting to sell her home but the septic system never received an engineer's as-built resulting in not receiving the certification for the system. She requested that the Board help her resolve the problem.

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Chairman Hanninen requested comments from Health Agent Ben Cutone. Mr. Cutone stated he could issue an expired Certificate of Compliance but still needed the engineer's as-built to complete it. He stated that during the time of construction, the engineer of record (Diversified Civil Engineering) went out of business due the unexpected death of its president. He stated that the company was sold to Landtech Consulting and he advised Ms. Nolette to contact them to certify the as-built.

Discussion followed regarding the necessary paperwork to complete the installation. The Board recommended that Ms. Nolette contact Landtech to research the as-built plans and to complete a Title 5 inspection by a licensed Title 5 Inspector in order to sell her home. The Board took no further action.

OTHER BUSINESS

New Payroll Process Present: Bruce Dubey

The Board has been advised by the Town Accountant that all payroll timesheets must be signed prior to paycheck distribution. Mr. Dubey agreed to hand carry timesheets to Member Horowitz the Monday prior to payroll for approval.

Member Weber felt it was unreasonable that a FAX copy with an approval signature from the Board's Chairman wouldn't be acceptable until an original followed. Member Horowitz made a motion to sign payroll for the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Working Session Meeting

The Board requested that a working session meeting be held on February 27, 2006 to work on "593 Account regulations, Well Regulation language changes, Underground Storage Tank Regulations and ANR regulations.

Annual Town Meeting – Capital Expenditure Present: Bruce Dubey

The Board voted unanimously to support the funding for a new baler at the Transfer Station at Annual Town Meeting on April 24, 2006. Chairman Hanninen requested that Mr. Dubey acquire (3) price bids.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert Hanninen, Chairman	Dr. Susan Horowitz	Jason Weber
		Respectfully Submitted, Debra A. Butcher