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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 2, 2006**  
**Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts**

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Debra Butcher; Ben Cutone, R.S.

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hanninen called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Bills Approved/Signed:

- \*Advance Security Systems-\$18.33
- \*Boxes and Bags-\$6181.76
- \*Groton Electric Light Department-\$7.02
- \*Groton Electric Light Department-\$141.31
- \*Groton Electric Light Department-\$29.49
- \*Moison Ace Hardware-\$57.03
- \*Shattuck Oil-\$180.11
- \*Shattuck Oil-\$266.03
- \*Timothy MacGregor Electric-\$279.51
- \*Levine Fricke-\$870.00

Septic Permits Approved/Signed:

- \*McCann Hill Road-Lee Edmonds
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B44A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B43A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Winding Way, Lot B35A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B21; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B46A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B45A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Forest Drive, Lot B51A; Robert Lacombe
- \*Paugus Trail, Lot b30; Robert Lacombe
- \*71 Forge Village Road; Dennis Lacombe

993 Boston Road: Present: Jeramie Vaine, LandTech Consulting

Mr. Vaine apologized for missing their meeting with the Board of Health on March 20, 2006. He stated that it was due to internal personnel changes within LandTech

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Consulting. He stated that they received the Board's order letter to perform a Title 5 inspection.

Health Agent Ben Cutone reported that additional soil testing was scheduled for May 22, 2006 and at that time; he would do a rough site evaluation to determine whether there were any public health threats with the property. He stated that the dwelling should not be inhabited until the inspection was performed.

Chairman Hanninen questioned whether there was a problem with doing a Title 5 inspection. Mr. Vaine stated that his client wished to put the funds towards the engineering design. He stated that his client would like to move forward and take care of the Board's concerns.

Mr. Cutone assured the Board that if Mr. Vaine submitted an engineering plan in June, he would expedite the process of the permit.

Member Horowitz stated that she was concerned about Conservation issues and about the tenant living in the house. She requested that the well water be tested as soon as possible. The Board members agreed. Member Horowitz made a motion to have the water tested for coli form bacteria and chlorine by a State certified laboratory with a proper chain of custody and the results submitted to the Board of Health by May 15, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 40 Redskin Trail

The meeting was cancelled by the applicant's engineer.

16 West Main Street: Present: George Wheatley, owner

Mr. Wheatley requested direction from the Board on dividing his land in order to sell his home. He stated that his home is on 10.35 acres and he felt that it would be easier to sell his home without the additional acreage. He said that he was advised by David E. Ross Associates to speak with the Board about the possibility of dividing the land. Mr. Wheatley stated that a repair of his septic system's distribution box was certified in 2005.

Health Agent Ben Cutone reported that when a parcel of land is divided that is currently served by a sewage disposal system. Title 5 requires that the sewage disposal system must have a Certificate of Compliance from either the 1978 Code or Title 5. He stated that the distribution box was certified in 2005 but Mr. Wheatley must obtain a Certificate of Compliance for the septic tank and leaching field prior to the division of the property and that it was his opinion that the current system predates 1978.

The Board questioned what the size of the tank was. Mr. Wheatley stated that it was currently a 600-gallon tank. Mr. Cutone stated that a new tank (1500 gallon) must be installed to replace the existing one.

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Discussion continued regarding the information the Board required prior to making a determination about the system:

1. Title 5 inspection.
2. Distance from the sewage disposal system to the wetlands.
3. Distance from the bottom of the leaching facility to the water table by a licensed professional engineer and soil evaluator.

Mr. Cutone stated to Mr. Wheatley that if the information satisfied the Board of Health's requirements, a Certificate of Compliance would be issued. He said that if the data did not meet the Board's requirements, the sewage disposal system must then be upgraded.

Chairman Hanninen requested that Mr. Cutone put the details in a letter to Mr. Wheatley.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Pineridge Court 40B – New Plans – Comments to Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board voted to send the following comments to the ZBA:

1. The Board requests, in writing, the historical use of the property.
2. The Board believes that the water table is shallow and the soils are restrictive.
3. The Board is concerned about the potential negative impact to neighbors adjacent to the property, i.e. stormwater management issues concerning groundwater runoff.
4. What is the purpose of the proposed infiltration use?
5. No local Board of Health waivers are granted.
6. Groundwater mounding calculations are provided.
7. The sewage disposal system design maintain a five-foot groundwater offset.
8. Separate primary/reserve sewage disposal system areas.
9. No retaining walls are employed for the sewage disposal system as part of the engineering plan.
10. The Board understands that the project will be served by town water.
11. The Board of Health should be notified of all future meetings concerning this project.
12. The preliminary plans for this project show inadequate soil testing for the leaching facility.
13. The Board of Health has not received septic system engineering plans.
14. The applicant has requested no Title 5 or local variances to date.
15. The primary and secondary leaching facility should not be paved over.

### Groton Residential Gardens – Letter from Bowditch & Dewey

The Board requested that the letter be sent to Town Counsel and to notify Bowditch & Dewey that the letter was sent to Town Counsel.

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### Bathing Beach Regulations – Testing & Closing Protocol

The Board acknowledged that the procedure was the same as last year.

### Town of Groton's Code Book

The Town Clerk sent notification to the Board that any new amendments and/or additions to the Code Books would need to be funded by us. The cost to include our newly adopted "593" regulations would be in excess of \$700. Debra Butcher reported that the Board did not budget for such expenditures. Member Horowitz made a motion to fund the cost if there was enough money remaining in our budget by June 30, 2006. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hanninen requested that Ms. Butcher contact the Town Accountant to see if this cost is actually an expense to the Board of Health budget.

## HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

### 170 West Main Street

Health Agent Ben Cutone updated the Board about a sewage disposal system backing up in the basement of this property. He stated that the new owners reported the situation and only owned the property for less than two weeks. Mr. Cutone stated that the sewer line to the basement toilet was clogged with roots and that Forest Hills Septic Service resolved the situation by cutting the roots in

the clogged pipes. Chairman Hanninen recommended that Mr. Cutone send a letter to the new owners on how to disconnect the basement toilet and tie it into the main system.

466 Martins Pond Road

Mr. Cutone reported that there was additional illegal dumping occurring on this property, i.e. tires. The Board requested that Mr. Cutone send a letter reminding the owners of the requirement to maintain the land free of refuse.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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Robert Hanninen  
Chairman

Dr. Susan Horowitz

Jason Weber

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra A. Butcher