

**MEETING MINUTES**  
***Approved***  
**March 19, 2007**

Board of Health Members Present:

Robert Hanninen, Acting Chairman; Dr. Susan Horowitz

Member Absent:

Jason Weber, Chairman

Meeting Called to Order:

Acting Chairman Hanninen called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Septic System Permits Signed/Approved:

- \*47 Shenandoah Road; David Jewett
- \*54 Ridgewood Avenue; Glenn Kinnear
- \*757 Townsend Road; Diane O'Donnell
- \*Amelia Way, Lot 2; Townsend Road Realty Trust (transfer)
- \*Amelia Way, Lot 3; Townsend Road Realty Trust (transfer)
- \*Amelia Way, Lot 5; Townsend Road Realty Trust (transfer)
- \*Amelia Way, Lot 7; Townsend Road Realty Trust (transfer)
- \*Fieldstone Drive, Lot B/B1; Landwest, Inc.

Bills Signed/Approved:

- \*Advance Security Systems-\$18.33
- \*Airgas-\$23.80
- \*Ayer Auto Parts-\$2.70
- \*Belmont Springs-\$10.00
- \*Belmont Springs-\$27.00
- \*Checkered Flag Auto Supply-\$122.30
- \*Global Montello Group-\$367.49
- \*Global Montello Group-\$591.40
- \*Groton Electric Light Dept.-\$69.56
- \*Groton Electric Light Dept.-\$255.70
- \*JP Rivard Trailer Sales-\$3,200.00
- \*Mobile Sales & Service-\$100.34
- \*Moison Ace Hardware-\$3.96
- \*Sullys Auto Repair & Towing-\$58.00
- \*Unifirst (5 invoices @\$13.12)-\$65.60
- \*Verizon (SW)-\$18.83
- \*EL Harvey-\$1446.39
- \*Covanta-\$5624.34
- \*Verizon (BOH)-\$36.83
- \*Verizon Long Distance (BOH)-\$.12
- \*Community Healthlink (UMass)-\$1,625.00
- \*Levine Fricke-\$1,500.00

54 Ridgewood Avenue: Present: Jude Gauvin, Goldsmith, Prest & Ringwall

*The hearing was continued from February 26, 2007 in order that the Board could conduct a site walk of the property. The site walk was conducted on March 15, 2007 with members Robert Hanninen and*

*Dr. Susan Horowitz present.*

Acting Chairman Hanninen reviewed the variances outlined in Mr. Gauvin's letter and the Board reviewed the onsite sewage disposal design plan. Mr. Gauvin pointed out where abutters' wells were in relation to the design plan.

Acting Chairman questioned the height of the proposed well. Mr. Gauvin stated that it would be 7' and that he was currently working with the wall company and the Department of Environmental Protection on it.

Acting Chairman Hanninen stated that due to the extreme topography of the land and the numerous variances requested and the fact that the property was currently unoccupied, the site should be served by a tight tank.

Member Horowitz agreed and stated that she couldn't understand how the Conservation Commission approved an Order of Conditions for this site. She said that she would like the State to come out to see it themselves. She stated that Mr. Gauvin did a fine job of engineering a sewage disposal system there but it was her opinion that the environment (lake area) would be better served by a tight tank.

Health Agent Ben Cutone stated that the DEP would never visit the site and that because an onsite sewage disposal system has been designed, a tight tank would never be approved by them. He stated that the new design provides for better treatment and that the engineer was improving the current situation there. He stated that the Board could require a tight tank but it was his opinion that the State would deny the request and send it back to the engineer.

Mr. Gauvin stated that he contacted David Boyer of DEP and showed his design to him and Mr. Boyer had no concerns with it because of the minimum disturbance to the site.

Member Horowitz requested that any design would require that the site "stay the same" in terms of building construction. Acting Chairman Hanninen requested that the site remain unoccupied until the sewage disposal system was approved and in compliance.

Discussion followed regarding conditions that the Board would require. Member Horowitz requested that a fence be installed around the leaching area to prevent cars from parking on the area. She also requested that Cynthia Kollarics be notified of this site due to the potential that an endangered species is present.

Acting Chairman Hanninen also noted that the current cesspool and well would need to be abandoned properly.

Member Horowitz made a motion to approve the variances *with regret* and to place the following conditions on the permit:

Conditions of Approval:

1. If municipal sewer becomes available, the dwelling must be connected.
2. The building shall not be increased in height, footprint, square footage, sewerage flow or bedrooms.
3. If the onsite septic is ever not working correctly, a tight tank must be installed.
4. A fence must be installed around the leaching area so vehicles cannot park on it.
5. The Highway Department must be contacted about the installation of the sewer line.
6. The current septic system and well must be properly abandoned.
7. The owner must have a Title 5 water test for the well annually and the results must be submitted to the Board of Health office. The sample must have a chain of custody and tested by a State Certified laboratory.
8. The building must remain unoccupied until a Certificate of Compliance is issued by the

Board of Health.

The motion was approved 2-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board of Health Meetings

Due to holidays and Town Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to hold meetings on April 9, 2007, May 14, 2007 & May 21, 2007. Member Horowitz requested that the Board schedule time at their meeting on April 9, 2007 to discuss amendments to the septic regulations.

Site Plan Review – Nashua Road – John Lorden

The Board had no comments.

Lyme Disease Forum

Debra Butcher reminded the Board that the forum is scheduled for March 21, 2007 at the Black Box Theater at the Groton Dunstable Regional High School. Members Hanninen and Horowitz stated that they would be attending.

10A Hollis Street

The Board reviewed the documentation concerning the application for a special permit to allow for lab space for the development of small scale combustion devices. Member Horowitz stated that she had all the same concerns outlined in George Barringer's memo to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She requested that Debra Butcher send a letter advising them that the Board would like to have suitable safeguards put into place

regarding OSHA requirements, sprinkler system, safety equipment for personnel, air quality concerns, ventilation issues and noise.

Herbert Lipton (UMass)

Acting Chairman Hanninen requested the latest statistics for Groton for 2006. Debra Butcher will contact them for the data.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

366 Lost Lake Drive

Health Agent Ben Cutone stated that Town Counsel emailed him requesting the status of the property. Mr. Cutone reported that the condition of the property has not changed. Mr. Cutone stated that Town Counsel would be contacting Mr. Johnson's counsel and if there was no communication between them, Town Counsel would be filing charges in court.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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Robert Hanninen, Acting Chairman

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Dr. Susan Horowitz

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra A. Butcher