

Meeting Minutes
Approved
April 7, 2008
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts 01450

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Ira Grossman, R.S.; Debra Butcher

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Minutes:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 4, 2008 and February 19, 2008 as written and approve the minutes of March 3, 2008 with an amendment.

Septic Permits Signed/Approved:

*None submitted

Bills Signed/Approved:

- *Advance Security Systems-\$18.33
- *Airgas-\$26.98
- *Casey & Dupuis-\$66.29
- *Dennis K. Burke-\$159.91
- *Dennis K. Burke-\$251.85
- *E&R Cleaners (5 invoices @\$27.59 each)-\$137.95
- *E&R Cleaners-\$26.51
- *Global Montello Group-\$191.18
- *Groton Electric Light-\$61.90
- *Groton Electric Light-\$290.94
- *Moison Ace Hardware-\$84.23
- *New England Baling Wire-\$810.20
- *Pete's Tires-\$840.00
- *Poland Springs-\$4.44
- *Sullys Auto Repair-\$29.00
- *Covanta Haverhill-\$4026.62
- *E.L. Harvey-\$2815.56
- *Schwaab-\$132.14
- *Levine Fricke-\$1500.00
- *Nashoba Associated Boards of Health-\$5910.75

37 Boathouse Road Present: Robert Elliott, R. Wilson & Associates

The hearing was continued from March 3, 2008 in order for the applicant to meet with the Conservation Commission and to speak with the Highway Surveyor concerning the location of the pipe in the road.

Mr. Elliott stated that the Conservation Commission has agreed with the wetlands delineation and has issued the Order of Conditions. He said that the new pipe would require an easement and it was their intent to complete the project prior to the road being paved this summer. He said that he would be speaking with abutters about extending town water.

Health Agent Ira Grossman stated that water is available and the property should be connected and the well should be decommissioned in accordance with the Town's Well Regulations.

Chairman Weber questioned whether there were any problems with going under the road. Mr. Grossman stated no because there were no other options available.

Member Horowitz made a motion to grant the requested variances with conditions. The motion was seconded by Member Hanninen.

Town of Groton's Local Regulations

Section I.A.2	-	Deep observation holes only allowed in March & April. October 2007 testing conducted.
Section I.A.1	-	Separate reserve area required; no reserve area proposed.
Section I.C.4	-	System and house shall not be separated by right of way; existing system is located across the road proposed.
Section I.E.1	-	Leaching facilities to wetlands and watercourses 100 feet required; 27 feet proposed.
Section I.E.7	-	Perimeter of leaching area to property line 20 feet required; 7 feet proposed.
Section I.E.9	-	Walls and impervious barriers not allowed for side slope adjustment; impervious barrier proposed.
Section I.F.1	-	Leaching bed must be sized at 150% of Title 5 requirement; 148.7% proposed.

Title 5 – Local Upgrade Approval

310 CMR 15.405(1)(a)	Leaching field setback to sideline 10 feet required; 7 feet proposed.
310 CMR 15.405(1)(a)	Septic tank setback to sideline 10 feet required; 7 feet proposed.
310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)	Maximum allowable depth to septic tank and pump chamber 36 inches allowed, 46 inches proposed.
310 CMR 15.405(1)(e)	Leaching field setback to wetland 50 feet required; 27 feet proposed.
310 CMR 15.405(1)(j)	Reduction of the requirement of separation between tank's inlet and outlet and high groundwater, JET (Septic) tank outlet 12" required; 7" proposed – pump chamber 12" required; 6" proposed. Groundwater offset, 5 feet required; 3 feet proposed with JET Inc, Model J-5009 tank.

Conditions of Approval

1. The building shall not increase in size, footprint, square footage, sewage flow or bedroom count. These conditions must be recorded on the deed.
2. The dwelling must be connected to town water.
3. The water and sewer lines must be completed prior to the roadway being paved by the Highway Dept. The lines must be sleeved.

4. Conservation Commission approval must be received prior to the commencement of work.
5. An Operation and Maintenance inspection must be conducted yearly with copies of the inspection submitted to the Board of Health office.
6. The existing well must be abandoned in accordance with the Town of Groton's Well Regulations.

VOTE: Member Hanninen-Aye; Chairman Weber-Aye; Member Horowitz-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Gibbet Hill Grill Present: Steve Webber; Josh Webber

For the record, Member Horowitz recused herself from the discussion as she is an abutter to the property.

Mr. Steve Webber stated that he received the Board's letter concerning the system failure at the Gibbet Hill Grill and was asked to meet with the Board to discuss the next steps relative to either an upgrade of the system or their plan to connect to municipal sewer.

Mr. Webber stated that since they've reduced the flow rate, the system is working better. He said they are pumping the tank more frequently as per instructions from Health Agent Ira Grossman. He also stated that he has installed inspection ports to determine the status of the field.

Chairman Weber asked if Mr. Grossman had any further comments. Mr. Grossman stated that there is currently no effluent being discharged and the system is being maintained. He said that Mr. Webber has (2) years to upgrade.

Dr. Horowitz questioned whether Mr. Grossman would be able to routinely inspect the site. Mr. Grossman stated that he would when he is in the area. He said he will keep an eye on this. The Board asked for clarification when they opened the restaurant why they didn't ask for sewer then. He stated that capacity was full and only available now due to the infiltration study.

The Board thanked them for meeting with them and for the actions that they are taking to protect the public health.

MRC Information Present: Shawn Winsor, Worcester Regional MRC

Mr. Winsor requested permission to recruit and train Groton volunteers and asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding giving them approval to outreach to health care professionals. The Board voted unanimously to enter into the MOU for medical reserve volunteer services. Chairman Weber signed the MOU for the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Outdoor Wood Fire Furnace Regulations

The Board signed the regulations and voted to send letters to the (2) existing owners of units requesting them to complete the application.

E-Packets/Document Management

Debra Butcher updated the Board that the Selectmen have begun having their correspondence (i.e. meeting packets) sent to them via email and not by paper and mail.

366 Lost Lake Drive

The Board discussed this property and is perplexed by the lack of action taken by Town Counsel on a court date. The Board asked to send an email to the Interim Administrative Officer asking for his assistance with Kopelman & Paige.

Pesticide Applications

The Board discussed the recent pesticide applications inside Town Hall and determined that they should be notified prior to having pesticides applied to town buildings (inside and outside).

Out of Season Soil Testing

The Board voted unanimously in adopting a policy allowing out of season soil testing for upgrades to move forward without a variance hearing.

Ticks

The Board requested that the local newspapers publish information on ways residents need to protect themselves from Lyme Disease and other infectious diseases from tick bites.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Jason Weber, Chairman

Dr. Susan Horowitz

Robert Hanninen