

MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED
September 2, 2008
Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Ira M. Grossman, R.S.; Debra Butcher

Meeting Called to order:

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

Minutes:

The minutes of July 21, 2008 and August 4, 2008 were approved as amended.

Septic Permits Approved/Signed:

None submitted

Bills Approved/Signed:

- *Bobcat of Boston-\$268.34
- *E&R Cleaners-\$29.59
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- *Fleet Pride-\$222.93
- *Global Montello Group-\$1,711.62
- *Groton Electric Light Dept.-\$129.80
- *Groton Electric Light Dept.-\$18.58
- *P.N. Laggis Company-\$296.90
- *Roy Shepherd-\$17.79
- *Verizon Wireless (SW)-\$33.47

366 Lost Lake Drive Present: Lawrence Johnson, owner

Chairman Hanninen read Health Agent Ira Grossman's memorandum into the record stating that he had re-inspected the property at 366 Lost Lake Drive and observed that Mr. Johnson had corrected the outstanding issues and that there were no conditions that are in obvious violation of the Board's orders.

Mr. Johnson stated that he expected to continue improving the property and felt that he has completed what the Board expected of him.

Member Horowitz stated that she drove by the property over the weekend and observed that there were many items stored in the barn and asked that the barn door be closed to the public. She stated that she would like the property inspected monthly for one year. She asked if the office has heard any further complaints from neighbors. Mr. Grossman stated "no".

The Board was pleased that progress was made and requested that Town Counsel be notified that a receiver was no longer needed. Member Horowitz made a motion that the court is informed that Mr. Johnson has fulfilled his obligations to the Board of Health and they no longer required receivership. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hanninen.

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

Member Weber questioned whether there were any monetary issues outstanding. Chairman Hanninen stated that that was a court issue. Member Horowitz made a motion to have the Health Agent inspect the property monthly for a period of one year to ensure that there was no regression. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hanninen.

VOTE: Member Weber-Aye; Chairman Hanninen-Aye; Member Horowitz-Aye.

Sewer Commission Present: Commissioners James Gmeiner & Dolores Alberghini

The Sewer Commissioners requested to meet with the Board to discuss the draft letter to sewer residents advising them to properly abandon their subsurface sewage disposal system if they hadn't already. The Sewer Commissioners felt that the letter should be sent by the Board of Health only.

Member Horowitz stated that the Board of Health felt strongly that residents should be alerted that a danger may exist on their property and wanted residents to be cognizant of it. She stated that she has learned of an incident where a dog fell into an unfilled septic component.

Discussion continued on the content of the letter and both boards agreed to send the letter out to those sewer residents who connected to municipal sewer. Ms. Alberghini recommended that the letter be copied on colored paper so it stands out better. Mr. Gmeiner stated that the Water & Sewer Departments will send out the letter in three phases (September, October & November).

OTHER BUSINESS

FY09 Goals & Objectives

The Board discussed Goals & Objectives for FY09. Chairman Hanninen will redraft them for the next meeting.

Transfer Station – Jim Selders' proposal

The Board requested that Mr. Selders provide data on how other towns are handling access to their Transfer Station and whether they had other solutions other than stickers. Member Weber suggested that the Board request Mr. Selders to provide us with examples and experiences from towns that have down this road.

Septic & Well Regulations – Fines for Non-Compliance

The Board tabled this until their September 15, 2008 meeting.

Performance Evaluations Present: Bruce Dubey

The Board requested that self-evaluations are completed by early October and that the Board complete their performance evaluations by late October.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert Hanninen, Chairman

Dr. Susan Horowitz

Jason Weber

Respectfully submitted,
Debra A. Butcher