



TOWN OF GROTON
Board of Health
173 Main Street
Groton, Massachusetts 01450

MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2011

Board of Health Members Present:

Jason Weber, Chairman
Robert Fleischer, Member
Dr. Susan Horowitz, Member

Others Present:

Nashoba Associated Board of Health Agent Ira Grossman
Land Use Assistant Dawn Dunbar

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Town Hall.

Invoices Signed:

Mileage Reimbursement for Dawn Dunbar – \$58.05

Minutes:

The minutes of March 7, 2011 were accepted with edits. The vote was unanimous.

Lot 31 Arbor Way

Present: Todd Lobo, Beals Associates

Mr. Lobo explained that he was asked to come before the Board on behalf of Habitech, Inc. to discuss the location of the SDS on Lot 31. He explained that they had been before the Planning Board a short time ago and asked to conform to the Town's 2 acre zoning setback requirements thus requiring Habitech to move the location of house as well as decrease the size in an attempt to meet the requirements. By doing this, a portion of the driveway is located on top of the primary reserve.

Member Horowitz asked how many bedrooms the house was reduced by. Mr. Lobo replied that they reduced the square feet of the house but the bedroom count remained the same.

Chairman Weber asked if Mr. Grossman had any concerns. Mr. Grossman replied that it was not an ideal location for the leach field and that it did not meet Title 5 requirements. Mr. Grossman suggested that the primary reserve be switched with the secondary reserve. He explained that the system needs oxygen; paving and parking over it would require it to be vented thus cutting off the natural venting of the system.

Member Fleischer asked if the driveway had to be paved. Mr. Lobo replied that it did to conform to the rest of the development.

Member Horowitz asked why the primary reserve had fewer trenches than the secondary reserve. Mr. Lobo replied that it is due to the different soil and stone amount and the contours of the land. Mr. Lobo added that swapping the reserves was definitely a possibility.

Chairman Weber said that it seemed as though the current location on the plan was an inferior location. Mr. Grossman replied that it was not desirable.

Chairman Weber asked if they had any other questions or concerns. Mr. Grossman replied that he was okay with recommending that the primary reserve be swapped with the secondary reserve.

Chairman Weber moved to follow Mr. Grossman's recommendation to swap the primary and secondary reserves.

Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

45 Arbor Way

Dawn Dunbar stated that Atlantic Builders and Design, LLC had sent in a request for permission to install an ejector pump (Liberty Model # P382LE51) at 45 Arbor Way as part of a basement remodel. The bedroom count was not changing and the septic system allowed for the addition of a bathroom.

Chairman Weber asked Mr. Grossman if he had any concerns. Mr. Grossman replied that he did not.

Chairman Weber moved to accept the request to install a Liberty P382LE51 ejector pump in the basement of 45 Arbor Way.

Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Non-Compliant Systems on Lost Lake

Mr. Grossman stated that because town sewer was not something that was likely to be available to those on Lost Lake in the very near future, he wondered what the Board would like him to do about these properties.

Member Horowitz asked how bad the systems were. Mr. Grossman replied that that varied and that there were half a dozen that were not doing anything to remedy the situation.

Member Fleischer suggested giving them 90 days to comply. Chairman Weber said that ignoring them is certainly not the answer.

Member Horowitz suggested Town Manager Haddad and Town Counsel be brought into the conversation for advice. Mr. Grossman was asked to make a list of the properties in question and consult with Town Manager Haddad.

Well Regulations

The Board of Health took the rest of the meeting to discuss possible changes to the Local Well Regulations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Dunbar