



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

MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2011

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Nashoba Associated Board of Health Director Jim Garreff
Land Use Assistant Dawn Dunbar
Pierre Comtois – Lowell Sun

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Invoices Signed:

Verizon Wireless, Conference Mileage Reimbursement for Dawn Dunbar

Permits Signed:

Robin Hill Road Lot 36B; Forest Drive Lot B-32; 25 Ridgewood Ave

Variance Signed

6 Redskin Trail; Camp Massapoag (Greater Lowell YMCA)

Minutes

Member Horowitz made a motion to accept the minutes of April 4, 2011 as written. Member Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

14 Paul Revere Trail

Present: John Sullivan - homeowner, Dave Watkins – homeowner

Mr. Sullivan asked for an update on town sewer. Chairman Fleischer said that it was still early in the process and sewer may not become available for at least five (5) years.

Mr. Sullivan explained that they had spoken with an engineer and had been advised to put in a new system instead of a tight tank as it would yield a higher resale value.

Pierre Comtois of the Lowell Sun asked how the system was found to be broken. Member Horowitz said that it was too close to a well. Mr. Watkins said that the septic system is less than 50 feet away but that the well had been tested and had had no issue with results. Member Horowitz reiterated that it was too close and by definition needed to be upgraded.

Member Horowitz said that she anticipated that Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Watkins would be back before the Board to seek variances that may be needed. She asked that they speak to Mr. Grossman upon his return. Mr. Sullivan said he hoped the Board would continue to be on their side in an effort to bring the system into compliance. Member Horowitz said that she was sure Mr. Grossman would be more than accommodating.

Member Weber said that the same conditions given at the March 7th meeting would still apply.

26 Rockwood Lane

Present: Russell Murray - homeowner

Mr. Murray started by showing the Board a 1st and 2nd floor plan of his home and explained that he wanted to finish his basement for storage and recreation purposes but that his total number of rooms exceeded Title 5 Regulations and required a deed restriction limiting him to 4 bedrooms.

Chairman Fleischer said that a deed restriction was in fact necessary so that the total number of rooms (bedroom count) could not be increased. Member Horowitz agreed and added that if the room was not designed with doors and didn't create privacy that it didn't constitute as a bedroom.

Member Weber said to Mr. Murray that it was the expectation of the Board that the design he had presented was in fact what was to be built. Mr. Murray agreed.

Member Weber made a motion to approve the 4 bedroom deed restriction at 26 Rockwood Lane based on the finish basement design provided by the homeowner.

Member Horowitz seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Project Interface

Present: Steve Boczenowski

Mr. Boczenowski explained that he was before the Board to talk about Project Interface and how the Town could benefit from its services. He explained that Project Interface provided education and awareness as well as referrals for mental health services. He said that he and his wife had come across Project Interface a few months ago and hoped that if their son had access to these services he may not have been a victim of suicide over 18 months ago.

He explained that Project Interface was available in the towns of Newton, Concord, Westford (as of January 1st) and Chelmsford (as of July 1st). He said he was working on getting the services available to the towns of Groton, Dunstable, Littleton, Harvard and Ayer.

Member Horowitz asked what it was he needed from the Board of Health. Mr. Boczenowski said that because he had been so active and committed to getting the services provided, Project Interface had agreed to offer services for two (2) years at a cost of \$14,000. He explained that his organization, TADS, would cover the costs for the initial two (2) years. At the end of the two (2) years, he would come before the Town and ask that they pick up the costs. He added that he was looking for the BOH to work with him to get the word out there about Project Interface and the valuable services they provide.

Chairman Fleischer asked if the Town was under any obligation to continue the service after the first two (2) years. Mr. Boczenowski said that the Town would be under no obligation to continue services.

Member Horowitz asked how this service would affect Nashoba Associated Boards of Health (NABH) and its mental health services. Mr. Garreffo said that it would not interfere and that it would be in addition to the services provided through NABH and Community Healthlink.

Member Weber asked Mr. Boczenowski if Project Interface made sure that the referral you were receiving was someone who was accepting new patients and who you could make an appointment without having to wait to long.

Mr. Boczenowski said that after speaking with a person seeking help on the phone, Project Interface had an expansive list of providers to refer to. They would also take in consideration your insurance and match you up with the perfect referral. Mr. Boczenowski said that he was hoping for a September 1 start date and said he could provide statistics if the Board would like further information.

Mr. Boczenowski said that he also wanted to talk about the possibility of forming a regional crisis response team. Chairman Fleischer said that it was something to think about. Member Weber said that they should treat a crisis response team as a separate issue at another date and asked that it be put on the Board's next meeting agenda.

Cow Pond Brook Road

John Strauss, Mike Pelletier, Laurie Smigelski, Tom Orcutt, members of the football organization

Mr. Strauss explained that the shallow well at the playing fields ran dry the previous year which almost resulted in a loss of 2 of the fields. They were before the board to request permission to install a deep well in which the football organization was willing to fund. He added that the deep well would not take the place of the shallow well but would be in addition to.

Mike Pelletier of Skillings & Sons stated that he had spoken with Mr. Grossman who had concerns over the location of the dump site.

Tom Orcutt of the Groton Water Department said that Mr. Grossman had declined the application because he was not clear as to the location of transfer station. Mr. Garreffo agreed and said that Mr. Grossman had asked for the offsets from the station.

Mr. Strauss asked if there were ways to stop contamination of a deep well. Mr. Pelletier said that a grouted shell could be installed around the well but that if the bedrock was contaminated you wouldn't be able to tell where.

Member Weber asked if they knew how many gallons per day the shallow well was providing. A gentleman stated that the shallow well was providing 25 gal/minute per zone and added that they had 37 zones which ran about 30 minutes per zone.

Member Horowitz said that there was nothing in the well regulations about requiring testing. Tom Orcutt said that it wouldn't hurt to have it done anyway.

Member Fleischer asked if there was anything in the form of contamination that could be found that would limit the request. Mr. Pelletier said that arsenic was common in the area. Mr. Strauss said that they would be happy to test the water.

Member Weber stated that the shallow well was producing about 27,750 gal/day and asked Tom Orcutt if he had any concerns. Mr. Orcutt said that he had no concerns. He said that even if they were on town water he would push them towards a well. He said that he wouldn't want that volume on their system.

Chairman Fleischer suggested placing signs stating the wells were for irrigation purposes only and not for drinking. Laurie Smigelski asked what would happen if the test results came back good. Mr. Orcutt said the water would still not be for drinking.

Member Weber made a motion to accept the application with the following conditions:

- 1. The application be amended based on the discussion to show the intent of well and distance to transfer station/dump.**
- 2. The information be presented to Mr. Grossman for review.**
- 3. Testing for BOH drinking water requirements be done.**
- 4. Signage be placed at the playing fields as per the requirements of the BOH Well Regulations.**

Member Horowitz seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Old/Other Business

444 Nashua Road

Chairman Fleischer explained that there had been a fire at 444 Nashua Road and that he had been called out to the scene due to the possible Board of Health issue. There was a spill of a liquid that was being housed in 55 gal barrels in a storage shed behind the garage. It was thought to be vegetable oil used to power a vehicle. It was bright green in color and the barrels had melted to the ground. Mr. Garreffi said that CEA had been called to the site to clean up the liquid. It was mentioned that the home is located in Zone II of Pepperell's Water Supply.

Member Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Chairman Fleischer seconded and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar