

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

MEETING MINUTES October 17, 2011

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Michelle Collette, Land Use Director Carol Quinn, Lost Lake Sewer Advisory Committee Selectman Anna Eliot

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm in the Town Hall.

Permits

Lot 1, Sand Hill Road - Transfer

Lost Lake Sewer

The Board of Health held a special meeting prior to Town Meeting to discuss and take a vote on whether or not they should take a position on articles 14, 15 & 16 on the Town Meeting Warrant.

Member Weber suggested that they should support the Lost Lake Sewer based on principal. Member Horowitz asked for confirmation that the sewer line would not be made available to those down Forge Village and at Four Corners. Carol Quinn said that it would not go down Forge Village Road.

Chairman Fleischer said that he assumed they were going to motion to take a position and add a condition regarding Forge Village. He said that with something like a dozen systems in failure in the Lost Lake area that it seemed like they should support the articles. Michelle Collette said that there have been many failures over time not to mention ongoing issues with the Lake and Whitney Pond and the public water supply.

Chairman Fleischer asked if this would add any buildable lots. Michelle Collette said that it might add maybe a handful. Anna Eliot said that there were already approximately 15 that can't currently be built on. Carol Quinn added that they were already zoned residential. Michelle Collette said that they can't get a permit for a single lot. They needed a maximum of five thousand square feet and 50 feet of frontage and evidence of single and separate ownership.

Member Horowitz made a motion to support articles 14, 15 & 16 with the condition that the sewer not serve any new commercially zoned properties on Forge Village Road.

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Chairman Fleischer asked for confirmation that the articles at town meeting later that night would not bind the route. Michelle Collette, Carol Quinn and Anna Eliot said that he was correct and Michelle Collette added that it was a recommendation at this point and that they would have a chance to vote on the sewer district when that happened.

Michelle Collette said that it was Mr. Grossman's opinion that if the sewer got built that it would have to include mandatory connection. Chairman Fleischer said that they could add that to their motion. Michelle Collette said that at this point it was only advisory.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Dunbar Land Use Assistant