



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

MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2012

Board of Health Members Present:

Robert Fleischer, Chairman
Dr. Susan Horowitz, Member

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

Jason Weber, Member

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm in the Town Hall.

Invoices Signed

Community Healthlink, Verizon Wireless, Terracon

Permits Signed

Dale Lane; Tavern Road, Lot 4; Tavern Road, Lot 6; 2 Oxbow Lane; Jenkins Road, Lot 3; Cherry Tree Lane, Lot 19; Monarch Path, Lot 10

144 Shelters Road

Present: John and Karen Murphy;

Mr. Grossman explained that he had received all the information the Board had asked for at their last meeting to include a sketch showing the proposed pit and an estimate for an artesian well. He said that he had no problems with the sketch but that variances were required for things including setbacks and the fact that the well was down gradient to the septic system.

Member Horowitz made a motion to approve the requested variances with the following conditions:

- 1. When the property is sold or town water becomes available the current/new owner shall install an artesian well or hook up to town water; and,**
- 2. That the water be tested once a year and the results submitted to the Groton Board of Health.**

Chairman Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

366 Lost Lake Drive

Present: Luke Johnson, homeowner; Jeff Hulslander, abutter

Mr. Johnson told the Board that he thought he had made good progress and that things were moving along. Mr. Grossman confirmed that progress had been made. Mr. Grossman suggested that the unregistered cars and the objects along the hillside be the next goal set for Mr. Johnson. Member Horowitz questioned whether two (2) weeks was enough time for Mr. Johnson to reach that next goal. Mr. Johnson said that he would try his best.

Mr. Hulslander expressed concern for the wall of pallets and wondered whether it was slated to be torn down. Mr. Grossman said that his order stated that it would need to come down and that conventional posts were needed.

Chairman Fleischer told Mr. Johnson that they would see him at their next meeting in two (2) weeks and reiterated that the goal for the next meeting was to have the unregistered cars removed and the hillside cleaned-up.

Old/Other Business

89 Boathouse Road

Mr. Grossman explained that he had been given permission at a previous meeting to take the owners of 89 Boathouse to court for not bringing the septic system into compliance with Title 5. He said that he held off because of a signed contract for the design work and the promise of a plan. Since then, there had been constant delays. Mr. Grossman suggested having the owners in at their next meeting where he would suggest the installation of a tight tank while waiting for town sewer. Member Horowitz agreed.

8 Hazelwood Ave.

Mr. Grossman said that after numerous unanswered letters and invitations to attend BOH meetings, he was finally in receipt of a letter from Mr. Comeau. Member Horowitz asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Comeau making him aware that the composting toilet servicing the home needed to be addressed and required meetings with the Board. She added that because this required permitting and BOH approval, the property was not to be used until town sewer becomes available or until such time he upgrades the septic system.

Cow Pond Brook Road – Possible Stump Disposal Site

Mr. Grossman said that via a complaint he was asked to take a look at a possible stump disposal site on Cow Pond Brook Road. He said that he inspected via the road and saw a lot of yard waste. Member Horowitz asked that a cease and desist letter be sent to the property owner making them aware that the BOH was aware of the possibility of a stump disposal site on the property.

Member Horowitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Chairman Fleischer seconded the motion. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar
Land Use Assistant