



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

MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2012

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Permits Signed

Magnolia Lane, EUA 4; Magnolia Lane, EUA 10; Cardinal Lane, Lot 12A

Member Weber moved to nominate a new Board of Health Chair. Member Weber nominated Member Horowitz to serve as the new Board of Health Chair. Member Fleischer seconded the nomination. Member Horowitz accepted the nomination and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

5 Baby Beach Road

Present: Gary Shattuck, owner

Mr. Shattuck told the Board that it was his plan to install a Clivis composting toilet and said that he had the information with him that evening. Mr. Grossman reminded Mr. Shattuck that any plans were suppose to have been submitted by June 1, 2012 so that they could be reviewed prior to that nights meeting. He said that the formal process included a review of plans and documents prior to any approvals. He also added that any formal submittals required an engineer's stamp.

Chairman Horowitz asked if Title 5 allowed for composting toilets. Mr. Grossman said that they did and added that there were only a couple of systems that dealt with gray and black water.

Member Weber made a motion to continue the discussion until their next meeting on June 18.

Mr. Shattuck referenced a letter dated May 21, 2012 that he received and specifically where it referenced a complaint that was received by the Board of Health regarding mice. Mr. Shattuck showed the Board pictures of trash from both of his neighbor's yards 15 to 20 feet away from his and said that he thought the mice were coming from there. He also said that he replaced a rotted board of the house

to make certain that nothing was going in or out of the house and he cleaned up the fecal droppings on the window sills. He thought that the true issue went beyond the septic and questioned whether or not there was a conspiracy between his neighbors and the town hall. Mr. Grossman said that there were not connections between the town hall, the Board of Health and any of Mr. Shattuck's neighbors. Chairman Horowitz agreed with Mr. Grossman adding that Mr. Grossman would be happy to follow-up on Mr. Shattuck's complaint about his neighbor's trash situation.

Member Weber withdrew his original motion.

Member Weber made a motion to continue the discussion until the Board's meeting on July 16, 2012 where prior to that meeting Mr. Shattuck would speak with Mr. Grossman further about moving forward with having a plan submitted. Member Fleischer seconded the motion. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Nashoba Paddler

No one was present

Dawn Dunbar explained that Nashoba Paddler was seeking a variance from the camp regulations specifically section 105 CMR 430.370: Toilet Facilities Required, for their Summer 2012 River Camp. They would offer a porto-potty and hand washing facility at the beginning and end of the day and a portable toilet for emergencies during the day.

Member Fleischer made a motion to approve the variance from the Camp Regulation 105 CMR 430.370. Member Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

4 McLains Woods Road

Present: Derek Skillings

Mr. Grossman explained that the owners would like to install two (2) geothermal bore holes but that the locations of the bore holes do not meet the local regulations; the proposed locations are less than the required distance to the reserve area. Mr. Skillings said that they could not meet the 50ft minimum required from the reserve area adding that Title 5 states 25ft from the reserve area but that he understood that the local regulations are more stringent and what needed to be abided by.

Chairman Horowitz asked what the danger would be with having it less than 50ft from the reserve. Mr. Grossman said that it allowed for a greater chance for direct contamination from the septic system. He said that when the system works properly, it had the greatest effect. Mr. Grossman said that he had no problems with allowing the variance request.

There was a brief discussion as to whether or not to require that a visual marker be placed at ground level to identify where the bore holes were located giving the geothermal wells a little added protection.

Member Fleischer made a motion to grant the variance request for the two (2) proposed geothermal bore holes allowing them to be placed less than 50ft from the septic reserve area with the condition that permanent markers be placed at ground level to identify the locations. Member Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

366 Lost Lake Drive

Present: Luke Johnson, owner; Christian Walzel, abutter; Jeff Huslander, abutter

Mr. Grossman said that there had been a good effort made since their last meeting. He said that all but one of the unregistered cars had been removed (one needed a part) and the designated area had been cleaned except for a trailer that needed to be removed. Chairman Horowitz asked what the next set of goals was. Mr. Grossman suggested that the trailer and car be removed and that along the section of fencing continuing in the direction of 11 Pine Trail be the next area of concentration. Mr. Johnson said that he also was happy with the progress and agreed to continue along the backside.

Member Fleischer asked what was going to happen with the fence because it appeared as though it was going to fall down. Mr. Johnson said that he spoke with the Building Inspector who said that the fence could be strengthened. Mr. Grossman said that it would need to be strengthened with proper building materials in order to satisfy all requirements.

Member Weber made a motion to continue the discussion until June 18, 2012 and that the clean-up would continue from the edge of the house corner straight to the street and continuing on towards 11 Pine Trail and that the car and trailer would also be removed.

Mr. Johnson said that he would do his best but that he could probably do ½ of what was just described or the entire clean-up in four (4) weeks. Mr. Johnson also said that he was not going to be in town on the 18th.

Member Weber withdrew his motion.

Member Fleischer made a motion to continue the discussion for one (1) month until their meeting on July 2, 2012. The clean-up would continue from the edge of the house corner straight to the street and continue on towards 11 Pine Trail and that the car and trailer would also be removed. Member Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Old/Other Business

Member Fleischer said that he received a call from the police department regarding a truck carrying cold food that had broken down. He asked whether or not it was okay to transfer cold food from one truck to another. He also asked if there was a BOH call list that the police department should be following for instances like this. Dawn Dunbar said she would make sure the police department had all the correct information.

Chairman Horowitz inquired as to whether or not Baby Beach was a public town beach. She said that she had a sick dog come into her office and based on test results suspected that it got sick from the beach area. She asked if that area was tested. Mr. Grossman said that as far as he knew it wasn't a town beach; it was run by the Mountain Lakes Club and that he thought they had tested in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar
Land Use Assistant