



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

MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2012

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Horowitz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the Town Hall.

Permits Signed

151 Hill Road; Jenkins Road, Lot 2; Cardinal Lane, Lot 10

3 Kemp Street

Present: Mona Vogel, homeowner

Mr. Grossman said that Ms. Vogel would like to finish off the pre-existing 2nd floor at her home located at 3 Kemp Street. He said that he had no issues but that it would require a bedroom count deed restriction. Ms. Vogel said that it had been rough plumbed for a bathroom and that the rough electrical was done by the previous owner. Mr. Grossman said that according to Title 5 anything on a second floor was technically considered a bedroom and the reason for the deed restriction.

Member Fleischer made a motion to accept the applicants request to finish off the existing 2nd floor located at 3 Kemp Street and that a bedroom count deed restriction was required limiting the home to a three (3) bedroom home. Member Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Minutes

Member Weber made a motion to accept the minutes of May 21, 2012 as edited. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Member Weber made a motion to accept the minutes of June 4, 2012 as edited. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Old/Other Business

Sargisson Beach

Member Fleischer made a motion to approve the request made by the Conservation Commission for the placement of porta-toilets at Sargisson Beach. Member Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

6 Redskin Trail

Mr. Grossman explained to the Board that Mr. Veducchio of 6 Redskin Trail was in the process of trying to obtain his Certificate of Compliance and that he had performed a water quality test but only had the Title 5 required water testing done. He asked the Board if they were okay with the testing that was performed or if they would like to see a full Groton Board of Health Water Quality Test done as per the Local Regulations. Member Horowitz asked that a full water quality test be done as per the Local Regulations.

AM Transmitter Antennae

Mr. Grossman explained that Ken Gikas, Regional Emergency Management Director had spoken with him about Groton possibly having their AM Transmitter Antennae permanently affixed. He said that he had no problem with this but once permanently affixed it was not longer available for other towns to use as it was originally intended. Member Horowitz suggested not having it installed until other towns in the region were able to obtain their own. Mr. Grossman suggested that the Board approve the permanent installation for a future time.

Member Weber made a motion that if the decision was made in the future to permanently affix the AM Transmitter Antennae, that the Groton Board of Health move forward with submitting a quote to Region 2 to appropriate funds for the install. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Grossman said that he would speak with Mr. Gikas and see about the possibility of Groton receiving a second antenna, one to affix and one to leave portable.

Member Weber made a motion for Mr. Grossman to attempt to solicit for a second antenna with the intent to have one permanently affixed and have one to remain portable. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Groton Convenience Store

Mr. Grossman asked the Board if they wanted to ask the owner of the Groton Convenience Store to attend a future Board of Health meeting to discuss the possible revocation of their food service permit due to the numerous noncompliance issues. Chairman Horowitz responded yes and asked that a letter be sent asking for their attendance at the next meeting on July 2 and to inform them that their food service permit may be revoked if they choose not to comply with the numerous outstanding violations.

Fee Schedule

Dawn Dunbar explained to the Board that in the fee schedule located in the Board of Health's local regulations, state and local variance hearing fees were included in the fees but that it appeared they had never been collected. She asked if the Board wanted to be collecting fees for variance requests. Member Weber talked about the current state of the economy and wondered if this wasn't the right time to be collecting fees for variances. Member Horowitz agreed but talked about the amount of admin time and meeting time needed to discuss such variances. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Board would like to charge for variance hearings as per their fee schedule in the local regulations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar
Land Use Assistant