



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

MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2012

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman
Jason Weber, Member

Others Present:

Land Use Assistant, Dawn Dunbar

Absent:

Robert Fleischer, Member
Nashoba Associated Board of Health Agent, Ira Grossman

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Horowitz called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the Town Hall.

Permits Signed

28 Oxbow Lane; 162 Shirley Road, Lot 4

409 Old Ayer Road – Present: Attorney Thomas Gibbons

Mr. Gibbons said that he had been before the Board on behalf of Jodie Gilson the owner of Nellie Maria Farm. He said that he wanted to request from the Board an extension as she has had some issues and needed a little bit longer to upgrade the system. He said that she was waiting for funding from a closing that had been delayed and the contractor she had chosen could not schedule her install until late October or longer if allowable.

Chairman Horowitz said that she would consider a motion to continue until October 1, 2012 at which point a signed contract and a date certain was to be given to the Board. Attorney Gibbons asked if the existing permit could be extended until October 1st.

Member Weber made a motion to continue the discussion until October 1, 2012 at a time TBD and extend the existing permit through October 2nd at midnight. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

TADS/Project Interface – Present: Steve Boczenowski, Alice Lenhart, TADS Board Member

Mr. Boczenowski said that he was before the Board to provide them with a six (6) month update on Project Interface. He said that there had been 34 total cases from Groton and Dunstable residents reported in the first 6 months. He handed the Board members an activity report with further breakdowns.

Steve Webber asked how much TADS contributed to bring this to the Groton/Dunstable communities and how long they contracted for. Mr. Boczenowski said that TADS contributed 14K and a grant from the State

totaling 6K was given for the next two years. Her said the come December 2013, he hoped that the communities would fund Project Interface.

Mr. Boczenowski said that Project Interface breaks the barrier between caregivers and those in need of assistance. Member Weber asked if they were aware of any statistics with regard to teenagers with depression without resources. Ms. Lenhart said that it used to be tracked but she was not sure if it still was. When she worked in the school district the last known statistics she was aware of was that there were 13 high school students with suicide attempts and that more than 1.2 of high school students nationwide suffered from depression. She said that she has found that people are afraid to ask for assistance and that it required town leadership.

Mr. Boczenowski said that TADS was looking for different ways to publicize Project Interface. He said that he was looking to get the Board's approval on a flyer that he would like to have distributed in the November electric light bills.

Member Weber made a motion to approve the flyer they were presented with to be distributed in the GELD bill at the earliest available date. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

162 Shirley Road - Present: Jeremy and Asia Webber, owners; Steve Webber, relative; Doug Lees, engineer

Mr. Lees explained that he was before the Board on behalf of the Webbers to request variances. He said that the best soils were up front and that the homeowners wanted to install something alternative. They found that the Presby system offered a better level of treatment. Mr. Lees requested the following variances:

Groton Board of Health Regulations

Section (I)A.5 – Depth to groundwater, to reduce the separation from 5 feet to 4 feet. The variance is requested in order to reduce the footprint and preserve the sites existing vegetation.

Section (I)C.9 – Percolation rates over fourteen (14) min/inch require leaching trenches, to allow for a Presby Enviro-Septic leaching system. The Presby Enviro-Septic leaching system must be installed in a bed configuration.

Section (I)C.11 – Whenever a system must be pumped, the soil absorption system shall be pressure dosed, to allow pumping to the D-box with a Presby Enviro-Septic leaching system. Pressure dosing is not allowed with a Presby Enviro-Septic leaching system.

Section (I)F.1 – Leach beds and pits will be sized at 150% of Title 5 requirements, to allow a Presby Enviro-Septic leaching system designed at 100% of Title 5 requirements. The variance is requested in order to reduce the footprint and preserve the sites existing vegetation.

Chairman Horowitz asked how many bedrooms the home had. Mr. Webber said that it was a 3-bedroom and added that they were not looking to increase that amount.

Member Weber read the following standard conditions:

1. The applicant must submit any proposed change in the above referenced plans to the Board of Health for its review and approval before the change is implemented.
2. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any other permits (including but not limited to) those required by the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Building Inspector, DPW Director, Planning Board, Stormwater Advisory Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

3. Any construction (or related activity) within 100 ft of a wetland or resource protection area requires approval of the Groton Conservation Commission.
4. It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that the contents of this approval are made known to all contractors who perform work at this site.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact Dig Safe prior to the commencement of any work at the site.
6. Compliance with Title 5, including the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance, shall be obtained prior to a final signoff on the building Occupancy Permit unless otherwise ordered to "upgrade" at a sooner date. The applicant must comply with the requirements of Title 5 for a "failed" system pursuant to section 15.305.
7. Any change in use or increased sewage flow is not to be made without prior approval of the Board of Health and any other applicable Board or Commission.
8. The existing 3-bedroom house is to remain a 3-bedroom house with no increase in the number of bedrooms, unless expansion plans are reviewed and approved by the Groton Board of Health.
9. This variance shall not be in effect until a certified copy of a Notice of Decision is recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds. Evidence of such recording shall be submitted to the Board of Health by the applicant.

Member Weber made a motion to accept the variances as requested by Mr. Jeremy Webber in a variance request letter dated August 6, 2012. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

366 Lost Lake Drive – Present: Luke Johnson, owner; Jeff Hulslander, abutter

Chairman Horowitz said that she drove by the property at 366 Lost Lake after not having seen it for a while. Member Weber said that he also visited the property prior to the meeting, and from outside of his car, peered through the fence. He said that from what he could see it looked like progress had been made. Mr. Johnson said that he had removed everything that was on the trailers and was going to concentrate near the road long the fence. Chairman Horowitz said that since Mr. Grossman was unable to attend the meeting, he would be asked to contact Mr. Johnson that Wednesday to follow-up. Member Weber confirmed that the next area to be concentrated on was the area along the road behind the fence. Mr. Johnson confirmed.

Chairman Horowitz asked about the debris being brought to the Pine Trail home and whether or not it was possible to clean up that area prior to bringing more debris over. Mr. Johnson said that because he was only given two (2) weeks to meet his goal on the Lost Lake property he had not spent any time cleaning up the Pine Trail property.

15 Whitewood Road – No one was present

Member Weber made a motion to continue the discussion until their next meeting on October 1, 2012 at the request of Attorney Collins in a letter to the Board dated August 20, 2012. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Old/Other Business

5 Baby Beach – Gary Shattuck, owner

Ms. Dunbar explained to the Board that Mr. Grossman was in receipt of a sewage disposal plan but that there wasn't adequate time for the engineer to notify the abutters. Mr. Shattuck asked about the sewer vote on the fall town meeting warrant and if that impacted him and whether or not he installed a system. Chairman Horowitz said that they could not speculate which way the town meeting vote would go. She asked that he speak with Mr. Grossman with regard to any questions he had.

Mosquitoes

The Board discussed the recent heightened awareness of West Nile Virus & EEE carrying mosquitoes and asked if calls had been coming in relative to this. Ms. Dunbar said that she had received no calls to date. Chairman Horowitz and Member Weber asked that if calls did come in that Ms. Dunbar explain to the callers that the BOH was extremely aware of the mosquito issues and was continually tracking the emergence of virus carrying mosquitoes and updates very closely.

Chairman Horowitz adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar
Land Use Assistant