



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

MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2012

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Horowitz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Permits Signed

Culver Road, Lot A-2; 36 Taylor Street

36 Taylor Street – Present: Jeffrey Hannaford, Norse Design

Mr. Hannaford said that he was before the Board to request variances in order to upgrade a failed septic system at 36 Taylor Street. He said that the current septic system was located in the front yard of the home with the leach put in the center of the turnaround. He said the proposed location for the new system would be to the left of the home where the current paved tennis court was located. He said that due to the high groundwater found, placing the system in the front yard again would cause the need for a huge mound. He said that they were proposing a Singular system in lieu of a tank and had approval from DEP to install this system.

The requested variances were as follows:

1. Title 5, 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h) – Distance from water table to bottom of Soil Absorption System
4 feet required – 2 feet proposed
2. Title 5, 310 CMR 15.405(1)(i) – Percolation Test
One required – Sieve analysis performed due to high groundwater
3. Local Board of Health 315-3(i) – Percolation Tests greater than 14 min./inch
Leach Trenches required – Leach Field proposed
4. Local Board of Health 315-(F) – Distance to a street from Soil Absorption System
35 feet Required – 10 feet Proposed

5. Local Board of Health 315-5 (I) – Distance to a street from Soil Absorption System to side slope
15 feet Required – 10 feet Proposed
6. Local Board of Health 315-6 – Square Footage Requirement
150% of Title 5 Estimated flow for Leach Fields – 100% provided

Chairman Horowitz asked Mr. Grossman if he had any issues with the proposed. Mr. Grossman said that the size of the leaching area was a problem and that the infiltrator did not meet their requirements. Mr. Hannaford said that they were doing everything they could to lower the height of the mound. Chairman Horowitz asked why they did not want to put in a traditional system. Mr. Hannaford said that it would be 1/3 larger and the grading would require retaining walls.

Member Fleischer made a motion to grant the variances for 36 Taylor Street as requested by Mr. Hannaford of Norse Design in a letter dated September 25, 2012. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion.

Member Fleischer read the following standard conditions:

Standard Conditions:

The Board of Health granted the variance with the following 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 shall be within 2 years from the date of the sewage disposal system failure (12/7/11) 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.

10. A Notice of Use of an IA System shall be placed on the deed and recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds. Evidence of such recording shall be submitted to the Board of Health by the applicant.
11. The septic system shall be upgraded prior to occupancy of the home if the anticipated date of occupancy is to be earlier than the two (2) years from failure date as specified in #6 of the Standard Conditions.

All were in favor of the above motion. Member Weber abstained from the vote.

Lost Lake Sewer

Mr. Grossman said that he had drafted an endorsement to be read at Town Meeting by Chairman Horowitz in advance should the Board endorse the warrant article.

Member Weber moved that the Board of Health firmly support the Lost Lake Sewer Project adding that they felt that the project could be done in a more equitable cost sharing fashion. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Member Fleischer moved to recommend the version of draft rules and regulations to Town Manager Haddad from the Board of Health with regard to connection to the sewer at Lost Lake. Member Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Mosquitoes

Mr. Grossman explained that the National Weather Service reported that we received a hard frost over the weekend and the Department of Public Health had declared that due to the hard frost, the immediate threat for mosquitoes had diminished. Ms. Dunbar was asked to report that the curtailment on activities between 6pm and dawn was to be lifted.

Food Service Permits

Member Weber moved to accept the food service permit applications as provided. Member Fleischer seconded the motion. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Member Weber asked that the Groton General Store not be issued a permit without making sure that all violations had been completed and inspected.

Chairman Horowitz adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar
Land Use Assistant