



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

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 17, 2012**

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman  
Robert Fleischer, Member

Members Absent:

Jason Weber, 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 7:05 pm in the Town Hall.

**SDS Loan Program**

Chairman Horowitz said that she had read the handout Mr. Grossman provided and didn't see a downside to having this loan program available to Groton residents. Mr. Grossman agreed and added that there would only be a little work required on the Board's part. Chairman Horowitz said that she had read that the highest income one could make to qualify was \$40K/year. Mr. Grossman said that that was different than the last time they offered a loan program and that it was his impression that they would set the limits.

**Member Fleischer moved to accept the SDS loan program and accept the offer made by the Town Manager for the town to administer the program. He further moved to allow RCAP Solutions to assist them with the details, permits, etc. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.**

**Bliss Bakery** – Present: Sheri Dean, owner

Chairman Horowitz said that it was the Boards understanding that Ms. Dean was requesting permission to sell baked goods out of the Riverdale Farm Stand from January 1 – March 31, 2013. Ms. Dean confirmed that statement. Chairman Horowitz said that she was not crazy about this request due to the fact that the farm stand had no sewage disposal system or washing facility. A porta toilet was not acceptable. She said that Member Weber at a previous meeting had come up for an approach to handle this request. The previous conditions were as follows:

1. Temporary, retail only food service permit
2. All items sold must be delivered as prepackaged off premise and must not be opened once on the premise.
3. No items to be sold could require refrigeration.

Mr. Grossman reiterated that everything must be pre-packaged offsite. Ms. Dean said that nothing required refrigeration and that things are only under a cover at the farmers market. Member Fleischer said that the lack of a hand washing station was a real concern. Ms. Dean said that they were looking into a temporary hand washing station. Mr. Grossman said that he too was uncomfortable with this. He said that the farm

stand had never held a food service permit before and that it was not intended for this use. Chairman Horowitz asked if there were any issues with prepackaging the goods offsite. Ms. Dean said “no, if it was required.” Her hesitation was that the product was not as fresh if it was contained. Chairman Horowitz asked how hard the dates were. Ms. Dean said that they had to be out by April anyway because the farm stand reopens for the spring.

**Member Fleischer moved to allow Bliss Bakery to acquire a temporary, retail only, food service permit in order to sell goods at Riverdale Farm Stand from January 1 – March 31, 2013 with the following conditions:**

- 1. All items must be prepackaged off premise and sold packaged.**
- 2. No items requiring refrigeration shall be allowed.**

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

### **Old/Other Business**

#### **Minutes**

**Member Fleischer moved to accept the minutes of October 15, 2012 as edited. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.**

**Member Fleischer moved to accept the minutes of November 19, 2012 as drafted. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.**

#### **Cyanobacteria**

Chairman Horowitz said that based on testing done by the state, it had been determined that cyanobacteria were present in Lost Lake. Mr. Grossman confirmed and added that it was not a bloom but just patches.

Chairman Horowitz said that she had been researching it and found that there are no corrections and no treatment to get rid of it. Mr. Grossman said that he didn’t believe it had just showed up. He said that the lake had been recently drawn down and because of the lower water table, more light was permissible. He said that it would have been shaded enough in the summer that it would fade. He said that he didn’t think that it was unusual but it deserved watching. He said that run off was a huge issue and should be monitored if at all possible.

#### **Lost Lake Sewer Committee**

Chairman Horowitz said that she had recalled already volunteering to serve on this new committee. Member Fleischer said that she would be a great candidate to serve on this committee.

#### **Mosquitoes**

Chairman Horowitz said that she had talked with Town Manager Haddad about a warrant article for mosquito control and he was not in favor of asking town meeting for money this year. The time frame was not right as money would not be available until July 1. She suggested that they talk about it at a future meeting and see about having it placed on the fall town meeting warrant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dunbar  
Land Use Assistant