



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

**MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2013**

Board of Health Members Present:

Dr. Susan Horowitz, Chairman
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 7:02 pm in the Town Hall.

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

Mr. Grossman said that he drove by earlier that day and it appeared as though no further clean-up had been done. He said that it looked like more things had been brought in and added to the street side. He added that the state was coming out for a site walk on January 8th and they would know more at that time with regard to the wood waste in question.

Mr. Johnson said that he had spent time going through wood and breaking it down. He said he had spent time winterizing and had not been as busy with cleaning up.

Mr. Patrick Blouin, of 62 Westford Road, introduced himself and explained that he had been hired to help clean-up. He said that he had towed one of the cars two (2) days prior and packed up wooden crates to store in his barn for Mr. Johnson. He said that because winter was here they would like to reconvene in the spring. He said that he would like to have the representative from the state do a walkthrough of the Fucillo property as he was renting that space and had for 20 years. Mr. Blouin said that he agreed that there was a lot of rotted material but that there was a lot that was "nice and usable for building material." Member Fleischer disagreed adding that he hadn't seen any pictures of usable material. Member Weber said that this discussion was why they had asked a 3rd party for an opinion. Mr. Blouin said that they were trying to preserve some of their belongings. Chairman Horowitz said that some of those belongings presented a health hazard, especially those weathered, moldy and deteriorating, and needed to be disposed of. Mr. Blouin asked if they could delay until both properties could be looked at. Mr. Grossman said that he was not willing to delay 366 Lost Lake Drive.

Member Fleischer moved to continue the discussion until the Board's next meeting in four (4) weeks, February 4th at 7:30pm. Member Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Member Weber said that they should request that Terradyne not be contacted about the material in Mr. Johnson's possession. Mr. Grossman said that because this was a decision they as a Board could have made and now because the state had been brought into it, there was no control over what the state could

potentially do. Chairman Horowitz agreed. Mr. Grossman said that he would make a point to ask the representative from the state not to approach Terradyne.

Variance Request – Camp Kaleidoscope: Present: Terry Martin, Groton Community School

Ms. Terri Martin of the Groton Community School met with the Board to request a variance to allow a ratio of 1:8 rather than 1:5. The Board had granted this variance in previous years.

Member Weber asked if there was any difference in the activities being offered. Ms. Martin said that there was no change in activities planned. She said that they go to Groton Country Club for an open swim but that when they do that they increase the ratio to 1 adult for every 2 children.

Member Weber said that his son attended Camp Kaleidoscope the previous summer and offered to recuse himself. Chairman Horowitz said that it was not necessary for him to do that.

Member Weber moved to grant the variance as requested by Camp Kaleidoscope. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

37 Magnolia Lane – Present: Mr. Bettencourt

Mr. Grossman said that this was on a shared system. Mr. Bettencourt said that he was before the board to request a deed restriction so that he may finish his basement. He said that the plan was to make it a playroom/exercise room. He also had plans to partition off the utility room. Chairman Horowitz said that the Board's concern was to make sure the room didn't become a bedroom. Member Fleischer asked how many bedrooms the home had. Mr. Bettencourt said that it had 3 bedrooms. Mr. Grossman had no issues and said that the deed needed to reflect a recreation room in the form of an addendum. He added that the association had approved the modifications.

Member Weber moved to accept the request to finish the basement at 37 Magnolia Lane and that an addendum to the deed be recorded to reflect the finished area in the basement enabling the homeowner to move forward with a building permit. Member Fleischer seconded the motion. Mr. Grossman added that he would approve the building permit the next day with the condition that the addendum be recorded prior to occupancy. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Old/Other Business

14 Paul Revere Trail

Mr. Grossman explained that the December 31st deadline had not been met and that he was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Watkins stating his engineer was busy and would not be able to submit anything by the deadline. It was decided to continue the discussion until February 4, 2013.

Mosquitoes

Chairman Horowitz said that they needed to decide whether or not the mosquito matter was something they wanted to pursue at a future town meeting. She said that Tom Delaney was interested in what had been presented to him because there would be a big benefit with monitoring and treating the culverts. Member Fleischer asked if the community expected the Board to act on this. Chairman Horowitz said that as a Board it would be good to direct the town towards treatment. She asked that it be reflected in the minutes that they would be bringing this to Town Manager Haddad at a future date as a future article for town meeting consideration. Mr. Grossman asked if Mass Mosquito could be contacted to see if they work on a calendar year basis or fiscal year. He said that they would want to start the treatment by spring 2014.

Minutes

Member Fleischer moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2012 as amended. Member Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

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Member Fleischer moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2012 as drafted. Chairman Horowitz seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

The Wash Well Company

Member Weber moved to send the letter as drafted with amendments as discussed to Mr. Bob Tupper of the Wash Well Company. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

7 Indian Road

Mr. Grossman said that based on a complaint, he took a look at the property located at 7 Indian Road and saw no evidence of a septic failure. Chairman Horowitz said that Ms. Caldwell had called and said that the unit next door was currently owned by GMAC. It was determined that Mr. Grossman would look into the situation in the upcoming days.

126, 128 Main Street

Mr. Grossman said that he wanted to make the Board aware that he had conducted a site visit the previous week due to a housing complaint at 126, 128 Main Street. He said that Mr. Pergantis would be receiving an order letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Dunbar
Land Use Assistant