



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

**MEETING MINUTES  
November 4, 2013**

**Board of Health Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Inter-Departmental Assistant, Regina Beausoleil  
Nashoba Associated Board of Health Agent, Ira Grossman

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**13 West Main Street** – No one was present

Mr. Vangelli requested to be on the agenda the 10/28/2013 Board of Health meeting.

*Let the record show at this time Member Horowitz has recused herself from any discussion regarding John Scira due to business related dealings with Mr. Scira. All agreed.*

Health Agent Grossman explained to the Board what the Letter of Stipulation (see attached), sent by Mr. Scira to the Town Managers office and one copy to the Board of Health office is trying to outline. Mr. Grossman stated he was recently in housing court with Mr. Scira and Town Counsel. At housing court he explained both sides were very far from an agreement. MR. Scira then came the next day after court and dropped off this letter of Stipulation. Mr. Grossman stated this letter is too basic and he did not suggest to Mr. Scira to draw this up and doesn't feel the Board should agree to the letter. Chairman Weber asked if Mr. Scira was basically asking the Board to sign the letter then not pursue action for the time outlined within the letter, and also if Town Counsel had any feedback? Member Fleischer asked for clarification on what Mr. Scira was requesting. Mr. Grossman replied that he is basically asking for more time because he cannot do this due to financial constraints. Mr. Grossman went on to say that this matter has been going on already for over 12 months and that he is recommending they continue to move forward in housing court.

Member Fleischer made a motion to allow any modifications be done in housing court.

Chairman Weber seconded the motion

Member Horowitz - Recused

**366 Lost Lake Drive** – Other Business

Mr. Grossman explained that FJ Ratta performed a Title 5 Inspection on the property and mistakenly checked off the area stating the system "Conditionally Passes". Mr. Grossman stated this needed further evaluation by the Board at this time. He also stated that the system will fail unless the Board accepts this----- Mr. Grossman noted the Well is less than 100-feet----- and there was no water quality report. The Board members wondered how the incorrect box was checked and reflected on how this seems similar to a past incident on Hill Road involving Mr. Ratta's inspections. Member Horowitz suggested data be collected on how many inspections Mr. Ratta performs. She asked if Ira has had any issues with his inspections. Mr. Grossman stated that he has had some issues with his work.

*Member Horowitz made a motion to find the SDS System located at 366 Lost Lake Drive is not protective of public health and safety. Member Fleischer seconded the motion.*

*For the purpose of discussion member Weber asked Mr. Grossman for clarification on what, by definition of Title 5, would Mr. Johnson need to do if the system is found to be in failure, and what is currently in place at the property. Mr. Grossman explained that if the system is found to be in failure Mr. Johnson would need a new system. Which would mean he would need to rebuild the system with all new components. If he was not in failure and it "conditionally passes" Mr. Johnson would then need to upgrade existing components of the system. It would only be considered a "new" system if he was adding a bedroom count. Mr. Grossman noted that the house has been vacant for some time (in excess of 8 years) so the normal usage was low. Mr. Johnsons ultimate goal would be to demo and rebuild. Currently there is a 1000 gallon tank, and the pit consists of blocks. It was noted on the Title 5 inspection that there were no signs of leakage but again the levels are not of normal usage. In Mr. Grossman professional opinion this system is not in compliance.*

### **Regulations**

Mr. Grossman stated that he had sent language to the Board in the beginning of October and requested feedback. The Board agreed with Mr. Grossmans language in the regulations. Mr. Grossman said the Board would need to pick an effective date, have it be notified in the local paper then sent off to the state.

*Member Horowitz made a motion to accept the suggested feedback regarding language in the Town of Groton Sewer Regulations from Health agent Ira Grossman.*

*Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.*

### **Food Service Licenses**

Health Agent Grossman asked if the Board had any reasons not to approve the current list of Food service licenses. He stated there have been no complaints and all inspections were in compliance. The Board agreed and had no issues.

Interdepartmental Assistant Regina Beausoleil stated that she had been on CMMP's website regarding the Opt-in/out for Mosquito control. She will make a call to the organization to get information on how residents can opt in/out and what dates. She will also work with the Town Clerk and the IT department to get any pertinent information onto the website for residents.

Mrs. Beausoleil also stated that she would be sending out Trash Hauler and Tobacco renewal notices to area businesses.

Steve Legge has asked the Boards permission to clear a trail for emergency access by the Towns First Responders off of Nod Road to the Nashua River. The Board was in favor of supporting Mr. Legge's initiative.

Member Horowitz made a motion to support the clearing of the overgrown trail off of Nod Road to the Nashua River for Emergency access by the towns First Responders.

Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Member Horowitz remarked to Chairman Weber that people had noted how well he did in presenting the Mosquito Control warrant at Town Meeting.

The Board approved the following Minutes:

**August 15, 2013**

**August, 19, 2013**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Beausoleil  
Interdepartmental Assistant