



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

**MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 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 7:00 pm.

Robert Ratta RE: 366 Lost Lake Drive Title 5 Inspection – No one was present

Mr. Robert Ratta was unable to attend tonight's Board meeting. Mrs. Beausoleil spoke with Mr. Ratta over the phone earlier in the day and he agreed to attend the meeting on December 2, 2013.

GDRSD – Prescott School Emergency Waiver – Other Business

Mrs. Beausoleil received a call from Marilyn Gallardo, Administrative Assistant for Buildings and Grounds for GDRSD. She stated they were having an issue with bees entering a room on the 3rd floor at Prescott School. Currently there were personnel working in the building, one of which is very allergic to bees. She stated she was in touch with Groton Pest Control and they directed her to provide the Board of Health with an Emergency Waiver in order to exterminate the bees for safety. She then hand carried the Emergency waiver for delivery to Mrs. Beausoleil for the Board to sign at tonight's meeting, so the issue can be taken care of in the morning by Groton Pest Control. Member Horowitz remarked that she would like someone like Mr. Carl Flowers present to confirm that these are not an endangered type of bee. Chairman Weber would like to have the pesticide that will be used, named within the waiver.

Member Fleischer made a motion to sign the Emergency waiver for the extermination of bees outside of Prescott School.

Member Horowitz seconded the motion with the caveat that the bees in question were not endangered. The motion was moved unanimously.

120 Hill Road – Variance Request

**Present: Kevin Ritchie, Civil Solutions
Stephen Legge, Homeowner**

Mr. Kevin Ritchie is before the board to request various waivers for the repair of Mr. Stephen Legge's failed SDS system located at 120 Hill Road. Mr. Ritchie explained that they were requesting the following variances:

- Allow a design in class I soil with observation holes conducted out of season
- To allow for 4.33 feet of pervious material between the bottom of a leaching facility and the groundwater elevation rather than the requisite five feet. This variance will eliminate the need for pumping the effluent to the leaching facility. The facility and the surrounding area is served by a public water supply. They spoke about the placement of the system. Putting it on the side would require grading so it was decided to place it

in the back of the property. Mr. Grossman stated that he was not a fan of work within the existing leaching field as it is not ideal but has no objections. Chairman Weber asked what the actual benefit would be to add a pump chamber. Mr. Grossman stated that a 5 ft ground water offset would be more efficient. He also went on to say that the code allows for the homeowner the right to exercise alternate considerations due to costs. Member Fleischer asked what the symptoms of failure of the system were. Mr. Legge replied the distribution box was destroyed and pipes were packed with sand. Member Horowitz asked how old the system was estimated to be. Mr. Legge replied that it was built around 1979 or 1980.

Member Fleischer moved to grant the variances requested by Civil Solutions on behalf of Mr. Stephen Legge for the repair of a failing SDS system located at 120 Hill Road consisting of 4 bedrooms to be completed by June 2015.

Member Horowitz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Member Fleischer then made a motion to amend the vote to approve the design as is or use the existing 1000 gallon tank.

Member Horowitz seconded the amendment and the vote was unanimous.

Boston Road Sewer Connection

Mr. Grossman asked the Board if they should be enforcing connections with various businesses and dwellings along Boston Road. Chairman Weber suggested we generate a list first to assess the situation as he would imagine a medical building would generate more need than a 4 bedroom dwelling. Mr. Grossman stated that Jim Gmeiner of the Sewer Commission suggested there was a list and he will request that from him. Mr. Grossman went on further to say that within the bylaw there is a 2 year variance for businesses and dwelling to connect if available. This time frame has long since passed for most of the properties. The issue is who enforces this current bylaw? Member Fleischer suggested we simply remind properties of the bylaw first. Mr. Grossman suggested the Board start with attaining the list from the Sewer Department first and then decide how to proceed.

Lost Lake Sewer

Member Horowitz gave the board a recap of the Lost Lake Sewer Meeting. She talked about the discussion regarding a report done by CEI that recommended Lost Lake Sewer proceed. She stated that some members of the Lost Lake Sewer Committee felt the report was biased towards the Lake Area by recommending they move forward with the sewer plan. Member Fleischer felt that the study was held back by time/funding constraints and couldn't really replicate a report that was done in 1989. Chairman Weber asked whether or not there was an RFP for the report and the answer was negative. He then asked who gave CEI the scope and Member Horowitz replied that the Lost Lake Sewer Commission wrote the scope. He then suggested maybe the report be split into 2 documents rather than one. Member Horowitz stated the next Lost Lake Sewer Commission meeting will be on December 19th, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Beausoleil
Interdepartmental Assistant