



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

**MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2013**

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present: Pierre Comtois, Lowell Sun
Robert Ratta, RM Ratta Inc.

Meeting Called to Order:

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

366 Lost Lake Drive

Mr. Ratta is present to discuss the Board's questions they have about a recent Title 5 inspection conducted at 366 Lost Lake Drive for a Mr. Luke Johnson. In Mr. Ratta's Title 5 submission to Mass DEP he stated the system "conditionally passes". The Board felt this was a mistake as the Health Agent stated it needs further review and should state that on the front title page of the inspection report. Mr. Ratta stated that "Needs Further Review" is within the report on page 3 of 17. Member Fleischer feels it should be on the first page. Mr. Grossman stated the report looked fine but did need to be noted that "needs further review" should be on the Certification page. He stated the missed statement not being on the certification page, may have misled the homeowner. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Grossman stated that in the end, Mr. Ratta had done his part, but in this particular situation "Needs further review" should have been the only choice checked off on the Certification page. Mr. Ratta agreed and Mr. Grossman noted the correction on the Certification page of the Groton Board of Health's copy of the DEP Title 5 Certification.

Terracon Contract Renewal – Michelle Collette, Land Use Director

Michelle Collette, Land Use Director was present to present the Terracon Contract Renewal, for Landfill Monitoring. She stated the budget had been level-funded with just a slight increase for Nashoba due to the stable licensing information going out with the GELD bills. This was for postage. The other line item was for Terracon. The contract originated in 2008. Mark Haddad, Town Manager asked Mrs. Collette to ask Terracon to hold the price for the current contract at 10K, this way there would be no need for a Request for Proposal. The current contract is quoted for FY 15, 16, 17. Mrs. Collette stated that Terracon has done a fine and thorough job thus far. She didn't feel a need to change providers.

Member Horowitz made a motion to accept the FY 15, 16, 17 contract proposal from Terracon Consultants Inc. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

11 Cedar Road

Mr. Grossman stated this upgrade request goes all the way back to former Health Agent, Ben Cutone. The property was purchased, unbeknownst to the new homeowners in need of an SDS upgrade. The current homeowners claim they cannot get any plans from the engineer they hired. The homeowners need to submit plans and get a new engineer. Member Horowitz suggested a certified letter be sent by Health Agent Ira Grossman to the homeowners requesting compliance.

Member Horowitz made a motion to sign the certified letter to be sent, stated above to the homeowners of 11 Cedar Road requesting compliance. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes

Member Horowitz would like the 10/7/13 minutes to reflect that "Mr. Rosa's son is on the Lost Lake Sewer Committee. *Member Horowitz made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16th and d November 18th. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.*

87 Skyfields Drive – Well Variance

Mr. Grossman stated the homeowners were told they would need to connect to Town Water. The Board agreed to have them in for the 1st January meeting in 2014.

Sewer Connections

Mr. Grossman stated he sent the Board the list of properties within the Sewer District that have not tied-in. Member Horowitz stated that inspections should be done every 3-5 years. Mr. Grossman stated that the Board had the authority to request a Title 5 be done at any time. Chairman Weber suggested we order businesses to connect by October 2014. If they feel they have reason to appeal, the Board will entertain a request for variance accompanied by a Title 5 and engineering support.

Member Flesicher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm. Chairman Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Regina Beausoleil
Interdepartmental Assistant**