



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

MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2014

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Also present: Health Agent Ira Grossman
Regina Beausoleil, Interdepartmental Assistant

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

383 Old Ayer Road – Mr. Rob Oliva, David Ross Associates

Mr. Oliva of David Ross Associates, Inc. was present to represent Homeowner Otto Piene of 383 Old Ayer Road. Mr. Piene is proposing an addition to his residence. The existing system serving the existing 4-bedroom dwelling did not pass Title 5 inspection. Mr. Oliva is proposing an alternative system known as the GeoFlow system. Mr. Oliva stated this new system is essentially a Presby system but with better pipe fittings. Some differences he listed were:

- To achieve perc rate use of bed rather than trenches
- System cannot be pressure dosed, only gravity fed
- Need a 150% with leaching beds, only need 100% with GeoFlow

Ira stated these are minor changes. Member Horowitz asked Mr. Grossman if he agreed with the differences between the 2 systems.

Member Horowitz made a motion to accept the variances as listed along with GBOH standard conditions. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous

57 Lakeside Drive – Kevin Ritchie, Civil Solutions

Mr. Ritchie was before the board presenting on behalf of homeowner Wayne Legacy. The Legacy's are requesting a SDS variance for a 4 bedroom dwelling serviced by a well. Mr. Ritchie stated the Well arch takes up majority.

Mr. Ritchie is proposing a new 1500 Gallon septic tank and three leach trenches.

Observation holes conducted out of season

Allow leaching area to be 10 feet from road line, down from 35 feet

Allow leaching area to be placed 12 feet from a property line, down from 20

Chairman Weber asked how much more it would be to go down the hill. Mr. Grossman stated nothing would be gained, except more time and material.

Member Fleischer moved to accept the variance as requested along with GBOH standard conditions for 57 Lakeside Drive. Member Horowitz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Sewer Connection

Ira Grosman stated he was waiting on comments from the Board on the draft letter he sent to them. Chairman Weber read the draft letter aloud. He stated he would forward his comments/changes to Ira.

Lost Lake Sewer Advisory Committee

Member Horowitz stated the Lost Lake Sewer Advisory Committee (LLSAC) met with Selectmen Jack Petropoulos and Finance Committee member Jay Prager to discuss a feasibility study done by CEI. Member Horowitz stated Selectmen Petropoulos opinion was that the study done by CEI was very biased towards being pro-sewer. Member Horowitz stated it was time to take a stand. She felt Public health needs to come first and be brought to the front and talked about. She felt the Board of Health needed to make a statement via a public forum. She felt the Towns wells need to be protected as well. Mr. Grossman stood by his opinion that sewer is always a better option. But questioned whether the goal of Lost Lake Sewer was to save the lake or the wells.

A discussion ensued regarding emerging contaminants and its recent discovery in wells, Chairman Weber felt there has been no hard science that the proposed solution is going to work, but we can lead with this information. Mr. Grossman felt the Town needs to be specific in its goal. It should not be only a burden for Lost Lake residents.

366 Lost Lake Drive

Mr. Grossman gave a brief update/overview on the situation thus far. He stated the April 30th deadline was suggested by Mr. Johnson in his letter to the BOH a poor idea. He suggested a shorter time frame. The Judge at housing court decided on 30 days to come back. Mr. Grossman stated the Judge was perfectly clear to Mr. Johnson. They will go back to court next Monday (1/13/14) then the judge will agree to a timeline.

Member Horowitz made a motion to move forward with the Health Agent, Ira Grossman to enter into a court ordered agreement with Mr. Luke Johnson of 366 Lost Lake Drive, with a \$50 minimum fine per day. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Member Horowitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24PM. Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted

Regina Beausoleil

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