



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

**MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2014**

Board of Health Members Present:

Jason Weber, Chairman (7:23P)

Robert Fleischer, Member

Susan Horowitz, Member

Others Present: Ira Grossman

Meeting Called to Order:

Member Horowitz called the meeting to order at 7:00P pm in the Town Hall.

Lois Leunicwz – Northeast Division Leader

Ms. Leunicwz was before the board to introduce herself. She is part of the Medical Reserve Corp for Worcester Regional. She stated after 9/11 people wanted to know how they could help in times of crisis, and have their credentials validated ahead of time. This is how the MRC concept was formed. Volunteers could become organized, trained, and ready to be deployed to a certain area. She stated it (MRC) is a federally recognized unit that is made up of both medical and non-medical personnel. There are 13 communities that are part of the MRC and they all belong to the NABOH.

Ms. Leunicwz reiterated:

- Volunteers would be organized, trained and credentials validated before an emergency deployment was needed.
- It (MRC) is a federally recognized unit made up of both medical and non-medical personnel

Ms. Leunicwz requested permission to contact the Groton Board of Selectmen in order to help facilitate a discussion with them. The Board stated they would support her contacting the BoS and other town departments/committees.

Audience member Dan Wolfe asked Ms. Leunicwz if in the event of a catastrophe whether this unit is automatically deployed or await a request (e.g. from a town) before responding. Ms. Leunicwz answered that it could be a directive from NABOH Director, Jim Garefi or someone within leadership with the Town.

Baddacook Pond – Sonar Application

**Art Campbell, Groton Line stated to the Board and audience that he was recording video and audio of this portion of the meetings discussion.*

Member Horowitz gave an update regarding the Great Ponds Advisory Committee (GPAC) request to apply Sonar (an herbicide) to control weeds in Baddacook pond. She stated GPAC and the Groton Water Department have been discussing this topic for months, and that the Water Commissioners seem to be lacking in scientific background and reasoning, and do not understand the properties of the chemicals in question.

She stated she spoke with a risk assessor to get their take on it and that the Assessor said there was nothing they could offer because there was no risk. Member Fleischer asked why it (Sonar) gets restricted in the first place. Member Horowitz answered that it must be a precaution due to EPA involvement. She explained the Water Department well is not located IN the pond and not drawing water from the pond.

Member Fleischer stated he would like to see how many wells have been tested.

Chairman Weber stated the application (of Sonar) in Lost Lake was successful. He also stated the application instructions were specific: there is to be a direct application, there would be an actual pipe in the water.

Town of Groton Dog Pound – Ross Associates, Dan Wolfe

Mr. Dan Wolfe was before the board to speak about the upgrade of the Septic System at the Dog pound located on Cow Pond Brook Road. He stated Highway Surveyor, Tom Delaney needed to add a bathroom to the building. A small addition was added on the side. Mr. Wolfe stated the current septic system was underutilized and asked if it could be increased by adding a trench.

Member Horowitz made a motion to accept the variances as requested in the letter dated January 9, 2014 for:

315.3K *Whenever a system must be pumped, the soil absorption system shall be pressure dosed. The purpose to this request is to simply match and tie into the existing system which is already established as gravity fed from the distribution box.*

330-6 *The minimum lateral / circumferential distance from a well to a sewer line shall be 100 feet. An offset of 69 feet is provided due to the existing location of the well in relation to the existing building.*

Member Flesicher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous

Portable Toilets

Member Horowitz made a motion to approve temporary toilets for:

**Park Commission
Sargisson Beach
Hazel Grove**

Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous

Thomas More College – Non-Compliance

Mr. Grossman stated the property was in non-compliance before the purchase by the College. It seems the College is not moving forward with plans, however there are occupants in the property.

Member Horowitz made a motion to send letters to Thomas More College ordering compliance.

Member Fleischer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes

Member Flesicher made a motion to amend and approve the following Minutes:

January 6, 2014 Regular Session

February 3, 2014 Executive Session (not to be released)

February 3, 2014 – Regular Session

March 3, 2014 Regular Session

April 7, 2014 Regular Session

Member Flesicher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Beausoleil, Interdepartmental Assistant

Approved 1/4/16