



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

MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2015

Board of Health Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Ira Grossman, Health Agent
Regina Beausoleil, Interdepartmental Assistant

Meeting Called to Order:

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

72 Boathouse Road – Peter Blaisdell, Wiliam and Sparages

Member Horowitz stated for the record that she was on the Lost Lake Watershed Committee with Michael S. Rosa.

Mr. Michael Rosa would like to construct a new 3-bedroom home with a private water supply and a 3-bedroom septic system.

Member Horowitz said she has a problem with this being a 3-bedroom house.

Mr. Grossman noted that this is being proposed as new construction. He stressed this was why the engineer was present to request the Board's approval of the variances requested.

Chairman Fleischer reminded the Board that the well variance request wa being discussed first, but in relation to the upcoming septic variance.

Member Horowitz stressed that she wasn't pleased with the well variance request. She said town water could benefit the neighborhood and she thought it was being talked about.

Mr. Grossman quipped that it "has been talked about for years."

Annelise Cole and Tanner Cole said they have “burned time waiting for the water line to be extended.” That explained that if the variance were granted, they would also have to drill a well in order to be in compliance. Mr. Cole said they have explored having a contractor run the water line down and were quoted around \$30-40/feet.

Member Weber made a motion to continue to the next meeting on November 16. He suggested that the Board invite property owners on Boathouse Road and the Groton Water Department to have a conversation about running town water to their properties with a requirement for 49 Boathouse to appear. Member Horowitz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

72 Boathouse Road – Septic

Member Weber made a motion to continue to the next meeting on November 16. Member Horowitz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

414 Townsend Road – Kevin Ritchie, Civil Solutions.

Kevin Ritchie reviewed with the Board the variances being requested for 414 Townsend Road as outlined in a letter dated September 30, 2015.

- **315-1.(B)** To allow an upgrade design in a class I soil with observation holes conducted “out of season”. The use of soil mottling in the presence of your health agent was used to determine the estimated seasonal high water table.
- **315-5** To allow placement of a leaching area 12 feet from a road side line rather than the requisite 35 feet.

Member Horowitz made a motion to accept the variances as outlined in the September 30th letter along with the Standard conditions as read aloud. Member Weber seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

48 Townsend Road – Kevin Ritchie, Civil Solutions.

Kevin Ritchie reviewed with the Board the variances being requested for 48 Townsend Road as outlined in a letter dated September 30, 2015.

- **315-1.(B)** To allow an upgrade design in a class I soil with observation holes conducted “out of season”. The use of soil mottling in the presence of your health agent was used to determine the estimated seasonal high water table.
- **315-5** To allow placement of a leaching area 12 feet from a road side line rather than the requisite 35 feet.

Member Weber made a motion to accept the variances as outlined in the September 30th letter along with the Standard conditions as read aloud. Member Horowitz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

22 Connolly Drive – Kevin Ritchie, Civil Solutions

Kevin Ritchie reviewed with the Board the variances being requested for 22 Connolly Drive as outlined in a letter dated September 30, 2015.

- **315-1.(B)** To allow an upgrade design in a class I soil with observation holes conducted “out of season”. The use of soil mottling in the presence of your health agent was used to determine the estimated seasonal high water table.
- **315-1(E)** To allow for 4 feet of previous material between the bottom of the leaching facility and the groundwater elevation rather than the requisite 5 feet. This variance will eliminate the necessity for the installation of a pump chamber.
- **315-5(F)** To allow placement of a leaching area 18 feet from a road side line rather than the requisite 35 feet.
- **315-3(H)** To allow placement of a leaching area in an area with less than 5 feet of naturally occurring pervious material. Advanced treatment is being provided with the use of a Presby Enviro-Septic system.
- **315-5(I)** To allow the use is a poly-liner to meet breakout grading slope requirements.

Member Horowitz made a motion to accept the variances as outlined in the September 30th letter along with the standard conditions as read aloud. Member Weber seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

New Old Business section

CHP 190

Bring revised list to next meeting.

116-120 Boston Road

Member Weber suggested that Ms Janes had been given a reasonable amount of time to abandon her system.

Mr. Grossman suggested a discussion about 116 and 120 Boston Road at the 12/7 meeting to discuss the remaining obligations in regards to the septic agreement.

Member Horowitz said she feels the Board should stand up for their employee. She said she feels the Town Manager’s email was inappropriate.

Member Weber said that he read the Town Manager’s email in a completely different way, but one which reflected poorly on the author.

Member Fleischer stated the fact that the Board doesn’t feel Mr. Grossman was “interfering” and that he was doing his job.

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Items for the next Meeting

Should water quality be tested on Boathouse Road properties and should Title V be required. Mr. Grossman will draft a letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Beausoleil, Interdepartmental Assistant

APPROVED