



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

BOARD OF HEALTH
Robert J. Fleischer, Chairman
Susan Horowitz, Member
Jason Weber, Member

MINUTES

Date: Monday, June 6, 2016
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 173 Main Street
Members Present: Robert Fleischer, Chairman; Dr. Susan Horowitz, Member; Jason Weber, Member
Remote Participation: None
Others Present: Ira Grossman, Nashoba Associated Board of Health Agent; Robin Eibye, Executive Assistant

Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Horowitz moved that Robert Fleischer continue as Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Weber seconded and the motion carried 3:0.

67 ISLAND POND ROAD – SDS Variance Request. Continued from May 19, 2016.

Owners, John and Laurie Masiello were present. Mr. Grossman noted that he visited the property as agreed and determined that the property is in fact a one-bedroom house. A discussion ensued about Title 5 and the Board of Health standard conditions. Mr. Weber asked if the property extends to the end of the peninsula. Mrs. Masiello replied “yes” and noted that there was a “postage stamp” sized portion of the lot that does not belong to them. A brief discussion ensued about Title 5 compliance. The Board agreed that compliance with Title 5 shall occur by November 30, 2016.

Mr. Weber moved to accept the variances as written in the letter received on March 14, 2016, subject to the BOH Standard Conditions described below, and to approve the proposed design as a one bedroom, noting that [1] the SDS is a 3-bedroom septic from a Title 5 perspective, and [2] the board recognizes the property owners intent to update the home to a three bedroom in the future.

Groton Board of Health Standard Conditions

The Board of Health granted the variances with the following conditions:

1. The applicant must submit any proposed change in the above referenced plans to the Board of Health for its review and approval before the change is implemented.
2. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any other permits (including but not limited to) those required by the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Building Inspector, DPW Director, Planning Board, Stormwater Advisory Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

3. Any construction (or related activity) within 100 ft. of a wetland or resource protection area requires approval of the Groton Conservation Commission.
4. It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that the contents of this approval are made known to all contractors who perform work at this site.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact Dig Safe prior to the commencement of any work at the site.
6. Compliance with Title 5 shall occur by November 30, 2016.
7. Any change in use or increased sewage flow is not to be made without prior approval of the Board of Health and any other applicable Board or Commission.
8. The existing one (1) bedroom house is to remain a one (1) bedroom house with no increase in the number of bedrooms, unless expansion plans are reviewed and approved by the Groton Board of Health.
9. This variance shall not be in effect until a certified copy of a Notice of Decision is recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds. Evidence of such recording shall be submitted to the Board of Health by the applicant.

Mr. Fleischer seconded and the motion carried 2:0. (Dr. Horowitz, abstained.)

12 Bixby Hill Road – In-ground Pool Installation Review

Owner, Brian Cartier was present. Mr. Grossman noted his concern with the existing, non-complaint SDS system. Mr. Cartier said the proposed area for the pool is very rocky whereas the side and front of the property's soil is sandy. Dr. Horowitz asked Mr. Cartier if the pool was required for health reasons. Mr. Cartier stated that it was more for mental health reasons and said that his wife has always wanted a pool. Mr. Weber asked Mr. Grossman for his thoughts on the proposal. Mr. Grossman said the Title 5 leaching area and the 500-gallon tank were both concerns. A discussion ensued about tank placement, Title 5, local Board of Health regulations and the possible variances required. Dr. Horowitz said she was struggling with variances in light of the fact that the pool is a luxury item. Mr. Fleisher said he was concerned with the age of the septic and the possibility of needing to upgrade the system in the future. A discussion ensued about the rules and regulations and possible options for relocating the proposed pool's location. Mr. Cartier agreed to look into other location options for the pool and to continue the discussion to the next BOH meeting on Monday, June 20, 2016.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the minutes dated May 16, 2016.

Dr. Horowitz moved to approve the minutes dated May 16, 2016, February 1, 2016, September 21, 2015, and August 3, 2016, as written.

Mr. Weber seconded and the motion carried 3:0.

At 8:15 p.m., Dr. Horowitz moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Weber seconded and the motion carried 3:0.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Eibye, Executive Assistant

APPROVED: June 20, 2016

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