



TOWN OF GROTON

Board of Health
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BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Date: Monday, January 8, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, Groton
Members Present: Robert Fleischer, Chairman; Jason Weber, Member;
Dr. Susan Horowitz, Member
Others Present: Ira Grossman, Nashoba Associated Board of Health Agent

7:00 -Don Black

- 1 water quality test done, reinspection not done
- Yes, board would like second water quality test given timing is not a concern
- Don asked about timing of 2nd water test
- Don asked about legal filing because it was rejected by local attorney's office as insufficient
 - Was looking for a special permit
- Will setup a time on WE for the reinspection
- Motion
 - Continue to next meeting
 - If all requirements met, Ira will close it out on behalf of the board
 - Ira is empowered to sign habitability document on behalf of board
- JW moved to continue, Susan 2nd; all ayes

7:13 – Ira is expecting the parties for 149 because he has not heard from them since their last conversation.

7:25 -149 Whitman Rd

- Ira: nothing since we met on it
 - SDS is 53 years old
 - Property owners claim it's a 1K gal tank
 - Nitrates were 13mg /liter
 - Less than 100 ft from well & septic
 - Nitrate limits are 5mg /liter
 - Additional problem with nitrates > 10 is a double whammy, well is not a safe source of drinking water
- Robert: is there a proposed solution? Ira: the proposal was for reverse osmosis. The septic is failing, the well is also failing. Because the lot of large, could fix both, I recommend doing both
- Ira: The property owner did not want to do both
- Susan: did it get sold? Ira: don't know. Sale could go forward knowing buyer has to fix it
- Ira: Don't think this is protective of health & safety given wat we know

- Bob: I think it's a fail
- Discussion re: whether to invite them again or vote now. This was that opportunity.
- Jason: Based on info from Ira and lack of participation from property owner, I move that we recognize the septic system as failing because it is not protective of the public health. The Board also notes that the nitrate level in the well exceeds drinking water standards for nitrates. Susan 2nd; 3 ayes
- Ira to work with Robin to get a written note out

7:33 -Four corners sewer matter

7:35 -4 corners letter

7:40 - Thank you note

7:41 - LEPC – Region 2 mock setup for an EDS site (1 of the 3 tasks we want to complete)

- Ira: believe Jamie said it does have to be at the site, but does not need to be staffed
- Susan: neither chiefs were present
- Ira: who will ask the school superintendent for a spot?
 - 10 people or less
 - Need someone (janitor?) to open up
 - We will set up signs for ~6 stations
 - Goal is to do the exercise per the layout in the plan
- Susan: who set this up? Ira: Ken, the region 2 consultant did it
- Bob
 - I'll ask Robin for the plan, check it, and ask school for whatever it says

8:04 -JW moved to adjourn, Susan seconded; all ayes

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 5, 2018
