



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, May 21, 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; Robin Eibye,
Executive Assistant; see sign-in sheet

Chairman Fleischer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

BODY MIND AND SPIRIT SPA – MICROBLADING DISCUSSION

Ray Murphy, Beth Lindstrom and Jessica Bisol were present and Mr. Murphy provided an overview of the Body Mind and Spirit Spa and services. Ms. Bisol said the microblading procedure is semi-permanent and uses a surgical blade to penetrate three layers skin inserting a pigment of minerals to enhance eyebrows, lips and eyes. It was represented that the person performing the microblading is required to "apprentice" for two years prior to performing microblading on their own. Jason Weber asked how many years the procedure was available. It was stated that microblading has been around for more than 20 years. Ira Grossman said the pigments used are not regulated and it is cause for concern. Ms. Bisol said that client safety is of top concern and they plan on using vegetable-based products.

BOH REGULATIONS 310 CMR – DISCUSSION

Continued to future BOH meeting.

PESTICIDE DICAMBA – DISCUSSION

Continued to future BOH meeting.

CAMP KALEIDOSCOPE AT GROTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL – Annual Variance Request

Mr. Grossman said the Groton Community School requested a variance that would allow one supervisory staff person for every eight campers age six or under. A brief discussion ensued.

Dr. Horowitz moved to accept the variance request for Camp Kaleidoscope at Groton Community School increasing the required staff/camper ratio from 1:5 to 1:8.

Member Weber seconded and the motion carried 3:0

401 NASHUA ROAD – PUBLIC HEARING

The hearing began at 7:30 a.m. Nick Pauling of Goldsmith, Prest and Ringwall, Inc., was present and began the discussion to consider a slaughtering operation. Mr. Pauling said GPR was hired to design the holding tank and drain, and his client Karim Zadaki is present to request approval to slaughter on the property.

Mr. Zadaki was asked to clarify what is being proposed for his property at 401 Nashua Road in Groton. Mr. Zadaki said he would like to perform slaughtering in accordance with his religion as a service for Muslims. Mr. Zadaki said it is similar to Kosher slaughter for religious beliefs. Mr. Weber requested an explanation as to exactly what he was asking permission to slaughter? Mr. Zadaki said no pigs would be slaughtered, and confirmed that lambs, cows, goats, chickens, turkeys, and deer...anything except for pigs.

Mr. Zadaki confirmed that slaughtering for his commercial business is performed at Adams Farm in Athol, Massachusetts.

Mr. Fleischer asked Mr. Zadaki if he was currently slaughtering. Mr. Karim confirmed that he was currently performing the slaughtering service.

Mr. Grossman said slaughtering for religious beliefs is only for the farm owner and visiting friends. Mr. Grossman said approval to slaughter at the property requires Town of Groton review and approval that is then submitted to the State for permitting.

Mr. Grossman said there are three levels of regulations required. Town of Groton Board of Health, State of Massachusetts and the Federal Government. Mr. Grossman said that at this time, there are no permits from the State for a Commercial Business at 401 Nashua Road in Groton. Comments regarding the business and zoning issues were referred by Mr. Grossman to be those of the Building Commissioner as possible zoning issues.

A brief discussion ensued about CMR 500 Requirements, and Mr. Weber said he may need a continuation because as he understands the law, it does not allow religious exemptions for commercial businesses.

Neighbor said Mr. Zadaki slaughtered 50 sheep in September of last year and asked if it was legal and were the correct permits were in place at the time of the slaughter.

Interested in knowing more as it sounds more like a business rather than a farm. How big the business is expected to grow?

Request is to have a slaughter house operation. Ask Town Counsel if business is allowed in this area. An attendee stated the Property was subdivided with restrictions. And suggested the Board look into that matter.

George Moore said he visited the farm numerous times. Mr. Moore said no animals live on his property except for two horses and chickens. Mr. Moore said the animals listed on the Facebook page are purchased at auction and are transported to Adams Farm for slaughter. Dr. Horowitz asked what accommodations are available to the animals. Mr. Moore said there are two paddocks and stalls.

Shelia Harrington confirmed the religious exemption is for personal use and Nadia Farm is currently

advertising a commercial business. There was brief discussion to separate the online Facebook post from that of the proposal before the board for the Nashua Road property.

Karim said there is a need for custom slaughter for religious reasons. Karim said he is providing a service and this is not a business.

Jason Weber moved to continue the hearing to the next Board of Health meeting on June 4, 2018, at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Horowitz seconded and the motion carried 3:0

450 TOWNSEND ROAD – SDS PERMIT EXTENSION DISCUSSION

Mr. Grossman informed the Board that although the Board's time limit for compliance had expired the applicant is proceeding with the install. Mr. Grossman said he had no concerns.

731 MARTINS POND ROAD – NONCOMPLIANCE DISCUSSION

Mr. Grossman said the Town received a complaint that unpermitted work was being done. Mr. Grossman said he visited the property and observed that a septic system may have been installed without proper permitting. Mr. Grossman said he sent the owner a stop work letter and has stopped an application for a building permit due to non-compliance and confirmed that the owner is now aware that a permit is required for a sewerage disposal system.

The Board reviewed and signed permits.

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Dr. Horowitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Fleischer seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Eibye, Executive Assistant.

APPROVED: June 4, 2018
