



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

Date: Monday, August 6, 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;
Sammie Kul; Anthony and Patricia Saint Hilaire of Groton Floats and
Groton Therapeutic Massage

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

Groton Floats, 491 Main St., Unit B – CONTINUATION OF SPECIALTY POOL VARIANCE DISCUSSION

As part of the research performed Mr. Weber spoke to Douglas Kress from the Department of Health & Human Services in the Town of Somerville. A report is sent monthly which lists any issues, alkaline levels and resolutions. Mr. Weber is waiting to hear back from Mr. Kress regarding salinity and the frequency of testing. Chairman Fleischer spoke to sanitarian Steve Hughes at the Department of Health who was not aware of the tank. He also contacted other Boards of Health but did not talk to anyone who was able to speak to these issues. Mr. Weber went over what is covered during testing and the frequency of testing. However, the report does not explain how often solvent is cleaned.

Mr. Saint Hilaire informed us the entire interior of the pod is cleaned. Some places clean the pod yearly whereas other places perform the cleaning every six months. The water's pH is tested with an electronic meter and dipsticks. However, there is no pathogen testing.

Mr. Grossman spoke with Steve Hughes also and stated that the pool code is very specific. Mr. Grossman's recommendations remain the same and he does not believe Steve will not grant any variances. He believes state will most likely deny this and the Groton Floats will need to operate within code. Mr. Grossman was not able to find any supporting information within the public health records indicating otherwise.

Per previous discussions Groton Floats is no longer using residual cleaning products which includes bromine and chlorine. Ms. Saint Hilaire is open to using chlorine products but stated that this was not included as part of the original request. Also, the enclosed nature of the tank and chlorine do not appear to be compatible. In the past they have tried two different types of testing strips which did not yield good results due to the high salinity of the water. System is currently set up for automatic dosing. They currently perform a cleaning every two weeks.

Mr. Grossman explained that the more sun exposure and usage the pod gets the more chlorine that will be required.

Jason Weber moved to accept the request for the pool variance subject to the following conditions. This is not intended to serve as a permit and the time limited acceptance will be for one year with the request being sent to the state afterwards.

1. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that a persistent cleanser is used on a daily basis.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the pool tank is drained, refilled and undergoes a full salt replacement twice a year.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to require that users shower with soap.
4. It is the applicant's responsibility to collect a daily water log.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to test the water for two types of bacteria: pseudomonas and enterococci. This is to be completed on a monthly basis for six months. Following this six-month period, the Board of Health will perform a review and determine whether adjustments to the testing requirements are necessary.
6. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that test results are provided on a monthly basis. If positive test for bacteria is found Groton Floats must stop operation, address issue and correct it. License and permit will be pulled and application may be re-evaluated at a later time.

Variance will be withdrawn if these conditions are not followed.

Susan Horowitz seconded and the motion carried 3:0

16 Redskin Trail – Discuss water quality testing

This house recently sold but did not receive a full water quality test. Mr. Grossman proposed that the homeowners connect to town water which will eliminate the need for a water test. Mr. Grossman's recommendation is to issue an order to the residence to connect to town water.

Jason Weber moved to send an order to residence providing brief explanation as to why they should consider connecting to town water. Susan Horowitz seconded and the motion carried 3:0

Other Business

Mr. Grossman provided update regarding CVS.

The Board reviewed the minutes dated July 16, 2018. Small changes were made.

Jason Weber moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Susan Horowitz seconded and the motion carried 3:0.

The Board reviewed and signed permits.

The Board reviewed and signed invoices.

R Fleischer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Susan Horowitz seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes by Sammie Kul.

APPROVED: August 20, 2018

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