



**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, October 2, 2018  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 173 Main St.  
Members Present: Robert Fleischer, Chairman; Dr. Susan Horowitz, Member, Jason Weber, Member; Ira Grossman, Nashoba Associated Board of Health Agent  
Others Present: Sammie Kul; See Sign in Sheet

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

**400 Chicopee Row – Request for Deed Restriction**

Homeowners Brian Smith and Alice Smith are requesting to have a Deed Restriction approved for their property at 400 Chicopee Row. Ira Grossman provided background for Board members and reviewed design plan with them. Property is an existing 4-bedroom residential structure and homeowners are requesting to finish multiple rooms in the basement.

Discussion ensued regarding purpose of space layout in basement. Ira stated that their plans meet habitation requirements however he is neutral towards doing additional rooms which are not intended to be bedrooms.

Jason Weber informed Brian and Alice Smith of cases in the past where bedroom count on tax record in Assessor's office do not match records in the Building Department. Jason advised that by executing this Deed Restriction you are indeed affirming it is a 4 bedroom. It is up to the property owner to correct any mistakes. Discussion ensued regarding having Deed Restriction periodically evaluated to avoid any errors in the event a future buyer purchases the property as something different.

**Susan Horowitz moved to accept the Four Bedroom Deed Restriction for 400 Chicopee Row. Jason Weber seconded and the motion carried 3:0.**

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The Board reviewed and signed permits.

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**401 Nashua Road – Review of Neighborhood Concerns**

Jason Weber provided a list of concerns gathered from the last meeting to be discussed broken down by categories (please see attached). The Board's objective is to address the concerns

specific to the Board of Health and assist where necessary with concerns relevant to other Departments of the Town.

Ira Grossman confirmed that he was in communication with each Town Department before and after the religious ceremony and did receive responses from a few of them.

Residents expressed concern of Mr. Zadiki running a business out of Nadia Farms without a permit. Discussion ensued.

Jason Weber reviewed Section 139 in the MA General Laws related to Ritual Slaughter and would like further clarification regarding what activities are permissible after the ceremony has taken place. The verbiage provided is open to interpretation which is causing confusion from an interpretation standpoint.

Residents would like to be provided with formal documentation clarifying which part(s) of the religious activity is considered legal. This should also include clear guidelines on event protocols such as appropriate blood disposal methods.

**Jason Weber moved to continue this discussion at the next meeting and also moved that the Board of Health ask for Mark Haddad (Town Manager) to have Town Counsel address questions.** Mr. Weber offered to contact the MA Department of Public Health for clarification of the State laws.

**Susan Horowitz seconded and the motion carried 3:0.**

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#### **NEW / OLD BUSINESS**

Ira Grossman provided details of the drill process required by the Emergency Dispensing Site Facility.

Jason Weber proposed reviewing the previous sets of meeting minutes next time. During the interim Board members may send Sammie Kul any grammatical corrections.

Ira Grossman would like to bring Jim Morin before the Board of Health to review whether his Groton license should be revoked based on a recent violation. Board members agreed to hold a hearing for Jim to present his side.

**Jason Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Susan Horowitz seconded and the motion carried 3:0.**

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Minutes by Sammie Kul.

**APPROVED: November 5, 2018**

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SIGN IN SHEET - BOH Meeting - October 2, 2018

PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME

PRINT ADDRESS

BORISLAV SMITH + BRUCE SMITH	400 Cheopee Row
Steven Spear	343 Nashua Rd
Erin & James Ferraro	56 Meadow View Road
Shirley C. Harrington	21 Overlook Dr, Groton
Sue Birmingham	18 Kirk Farm Rd Groton
Jeelyn Downey	29 Kirk Farm Rd, Groton
William Kesler	102 Meadow View Rd, Groton
Frank Birmingham	18 Kirk Farm Rd, Groton
Fred Hardy	60 Overlook Dr Groton
Nancy Fleischer	119 Nashua Rd, Groton
Anna Elus	Longley Key
Cheryl Scammell	99 Overlook Dr.
Jon Van Pelt	48 Meadow View Rd.

## Categorized Concerns (first draft)

- Water quality
  - Well water impacts (+4)
  - Stream water impacts (+4)
  - Groundwater
  - Event proximity to Reedy Meadow Brook, 50ft
  - Difficulty of testing water sample
  - Washing bins near stream
- Guest welfare
  - People took them (animals. meat) home
  - Processing in compliance with USDA regs (+1)
- Guest/neighbor welfare - pathogen exposure
  - Disposal of blood (+1)
  - Disposal of animal parts
  - "Pathogens", "blood"
  - Use of dumpster for disposal
  - Clean up → Impacts, removal, process
- Public safety
  - Number of people on property e.g. 150+
  - Number of cars/traffic e.g. ~150 cars
  - Guest behavior / trash pics
  - 2 camp fires and 2 coolers
- Animal handling
  - Barn condition / harboring vermin
  - Animal treatment (+1)
  - Numbering of animals
  - Bags of trash near horses
  - Use of right paint on animals (for #s)
- Business / Legal
  - Advertising Halal meat business (+2)
  - Is it a business? (+1)
  - Conflicting message (doing this, not doing this)
  - Timing of animal arrival
  - Disposal / clean up permits
- Visuals
  - Visuals / slaughter activities (+1)
  - School bus riders seeing slaughter
  - Animal parts (hung?) on fence / visuals of this
  - Slaughter event
- Other/nuisance
  - Bad smell / cooking (+1)
  - "Mystery barrels" on the property

Question: Is there a religious exemption outside of the MA regulations?

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