



TOWN OF GROTON

Board of Health
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

BOARD OF HEALTH

Michelle Collette, Chair
Robert J. Fleischer, Member
Evan Thackaberry, Member

Date: Monday, June, 5, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Groton Town Hall
Members Present: Michelle Collette, Robert J. Fleischer
Others Present: Katie Berry, Dan Wolfe, Amy Green, Terry Martin, William Dawes

Michelle Collette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and relayed the agenda for the evening.

Groton Community School, Camp variance- Terry Martin spoke on behalf of The Groton Community School, requesting a variance to the state requirement of 1 staff member per every 5 campers, **Regulation 430.101** to 1 staff member per every 8 campers for their summer camp program, this is an annual request. Robert Fleischer motioned to grant the variance request, Michelle Collette seconded and the motion carried.

Michael & Amy Greene, Accessory Apartment at 327 Chicopee Row- Dan Wolfe addressed the board, asking to consider the proposed addition of a one-bedroom accessory apartment and a total of 13 rooms for the two structures to be New Construction per Title 5. The approved capacity is for a 5-bedroom single family home and the proposal is 6 bedrooms by definition and 6 given the existing Assessors record showing an existing 5 bedrooms and the proposed addition of 1 more in the apartment. Dan Wolfe spoke and provided plans for review, indicating that the home has 2 offices in place, and that there are 9 rooms in the home presently, with a proposed addition of 3 rooms. The bedroom count will be proposed as 5. Ira Grossman, Board of Health Agent, has provided his suggestion and lengthy report memo. Dan Wolfe clarified that the updated suggested floorplan with 5 bedrooms would conform to Title 5, and that the deed restriction indicating the lower number of bedrooms would substantiate the 5 bedrooms. Pressure dosing is part of our local regulations, Dan Wolfe indicates that variance would not be necessary as the system is pre-existing. The accessory apartment is different than multi-family and should be treated as such. Michelle Collette suggests reconvening when Ira Grossman and third board member are present, to which Dan Wolfe was in agreement. Proposed to be discussed at next meeting Tue June 20th. Robert Fleischer moves that we continue this item at the next BOH meeting, Michelle Collette seconded and the motion carried.

William Dawes, 116 School House Rd- Review of plans from William Dawes regarding his property at 116 School House Rd, these plans were previously approved by Nashoba Associated Board of Health and signed by Michelle Collette and Robert Fleischer.

Comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals on Comprehensive Permits:

Groton Farms, 500 Main Street- Former Deluxe property, the Zoning Board of Appeals has held public hearings biweekly, and the recommendation was that the soil testing be witnessed per Title 5, to meet stormwater management regulations. The applicant had agreed to do perform this testing. An issue that was raised is the new hazardous materials regulations, which indicates that any material that is brought onto the site will also need to be tested for contamination. Applicant John Amaral, the applicant, indicated that he would comply with that request. The Board of Health would request that Zoning Board of Appeals add this condition to their permit. Robert Fleischer motion to request that the Zoning Board of Appeals add conformance to the Board of Health's new hazardous materials regulations, Michelle Collette seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The hearing for Groton Farms is to be held June 7th.

Heritage Landing, Cow Pond Brook Road- The Board of Health will also request that this property also comply with new hazardous materials regulations. It was noted that this 40B property is not on public water or public sewer. Ira Grossman, Board of Health Agent, provided an extensive memo to the Zoning Board of Appeals indicating that if the property submits to soil testing that they are not subject to fee waivers for Nashoba Associated Board of Health fees, even if they request the Zoning Board of Appeals to waive these fees. In BOH fee regulations there are project review fees, that under non 40B applications, the project review fee for community sewage disposal system is \$1000.00 plus engineers estimate for peer review is required. Should the system require peer review, the Zoning Board of Appeals would be requested to ensure that review is done, that the Board of Health be part of that peer review, and that the Nashoba Associated Board of Health be part of the review as well and paid all applicable fees. Michelle continued that the Board of Health would also request Town Manager Mark Haddad to get an opinion from Town Counsel to review complex site and soil conditions. Robert Fleischer moves to ask Town Manager for Town Counsel review, Michelle Collette seconded and the motion carried. The hearing for Heritage Landing is to be held June 14th.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

EL Harvey Trasher Hauler Permit (new trash hauler)- EL Harvey has purchased two other trash haulers (DPS and Waste Not) Robert Fleischer and Michelle Collette were in favor of approving this new permit. Robert Fleischer moves to approve the permit, Michelle Collette seconded and the motion carried, both signed.

Signature to all necessary variances, permits and invoices for the period.

Emergency Dispensing Site Plan- Emergency Dispensing Site plan has been reviewed is ready for submission to Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Emergency Dispensing Site will be put in place for the purpose of vaccination, medication dispensing, and necessary clinics during a public health emergency. The plan is periodically updated and to be added to an updated Emergency Services Plan.

Minutes –

May 15,2023- Update to these minutes, remove member assignment. Robert Fleischer moved to approve as amended, Michelle Collette seconded and the motion carried.

March 20, 2023- Amend Old new/business section, Shaheen spelling corrected, department role designations added to section minutes. Robert Fleischer moved to approve as amended, Michelle Collette seconded and the motion carried.

April 3, 2023- Moved to accept minutes as submitted, approved by Michelle Collette and Robert Fleischer. Robert Fleischer moved to approve as submitted, Michelle Collette seconded and the motion carried.

Reorganization & Signature Authority- During COVID, the Board of Health approved giving authority for the chairperson, as well as Ira Grossman Health Agent, to sign documents like variances and deed restrictions, the Board would like to continue this to keep this practice for efficiency and the ease of residents. This will be discussed at the next Board of Health meeting.

Schedule Next Meeting- Michelle Collette, Robert Fleischer, and Katie Berry agree on June 20th, 2023.

ON-GOING ISSUES – Review and Informational Purposes –

- A. **COVID Updates-** Per the Superintendent of Schools, schools are no longer reporting AND tracking case numbers. They have not received any requests from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
 - B. **PFAS Updates-** no updates.
 - C. **Nod Road Land Fill Updates-** no updates.
 - D. **Squannacook Sportsmen's Club Site Updates-** The remediation work is in progress and should come to completion in approximately July or August 2023.
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Robert Fleischer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Michelle Collette seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes by Katie Berry.

APPROVED: 6/20/23
