



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 July, 31, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: 1ST Floor Meeting Room, Groton Town Hall
Members Present: Michelle Collette, Evan Thackaberry, Robert J. Fleischer
Members Not Present:
Others Present: Katie Berry, Judy Anderson

Michelle Collette called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Surface water quality updates- Michelle Collette shares that she and Katie Berry met with the team at Nashoba River Watershed Association last week. The NRWA has received funding by the Greater Lowell Community Foundation to sample biweekly at 4 locations in Groton, these locations are known "swimming holes" but not beaches. A working group of members of Board of Health and Conservation Commission, will coordinate to start testing the opposite week from NRWA, financed by Bruce Easom, with the intent to secure future financing through Board of Health funds.

Nashoba Associated Boards of Health- Michelle Collette shared that Nashoba Associated Boards of Health has offered to do a Local Public Health 101 presentation to provide information to citizens on currently offered services. The Board of Health agreed to co-sponsor the event and hopes to set a date in September at the Council on Aging. Bob Fleischer agreed that the available services need to be explained and shared with the public, periodic presentations are important.

Groton Dunstable High School and surrounding areas PFAS mitigation- At the July 17th, 2023 public meeting of the Board of Health, a unanimous vote carried that the Town of Groton Board of Health will not be in support of any water option for the Groton Dunstable High School and surrounding areas that do not meet the proposed Environmental Protection Agency standards for PFAS of 4 parts per trillion. The Board of Health will recess to partake in the Select Board meeting on the 2nd floor from 6:50pm to 8:18pm. During this time, Michelle Collette stated the boards position.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

Sign permits/ invoices- no permits or invoices to be signed at this meeting.

07/17/2023 Minutes Bob Fleischer moved to accept the 7/17/23 Board of Health meeting minutes as submitted approved, Evan Thackaberry seconded, and the motion carried.

Schedule Next Meeting

Next meeting will be August 21st, 6:30pm.

ON-GOING ISSUES

- A. **PFAS Updates**- no additional updates.
 - B. **Nod Road Land Fill Updates**- no additional updates.
 - C. **Squannacook Sportsmen's Club Site Updates** – no additional updates.
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Michelle Collette moved to recess at 6:50pm to head upstairs to the Select Board meeting, the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm. Bob Fleischer seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes by Katie Berry.

APPROVED: 8/21/23

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