



TOWN OF GROTON
Board of Health
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BOARD OF HEALTH
Michelle Collette, Chair
Robert J. Fleischer, Member
Evan Thackaberry, Member

Date: Monday October 2, 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, Bridgette Braley, Jack Maloney, Steve Lombardo, Jigar Bhakta, Jeff Upton, Gary McQuaide

Michelle Collette called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

28 Ridgewood Ave- Dillis & Roy, client Barbara Ruskin, Local SDS & Well Variances and Title 5 Variances, and Title 5 Local Upgrade Approvals, continued. Jack Maloney of Dillis & Roy Civil Engineering addressed the board to discuss a revised septic plan, removing previously requested variances for existing well. Jack Maloney also provided the updated large scale drawing plans to Bridgette Braley from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health. After the board reviewed these updated plans and variance letter, Evan Thackaberry moved to grant the requested updated septic variances that are outlined in the letter dated September 18th, 2023, with standard conditions for a 2-bedroom home, as well as the condition of Groton town water supplied, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

35 Graniteville Rd, Steve Lombardo, Certificate of Compliance-modifications. Jack Maloney of Dillis & Roy, on behalf of property owner Steve Lombardo, addressed the board to discuss the change in work from the original approved septic design plan, with a change to the wall structure as it is partially exposed in the updated design. Jack Maloney went over an approval letter that he had submitted with the changed plan, from structural engineer Souhegan Valley Engineering. Bridgette Braley of Nashoba Associated Board of Health, discussed the concern that the letter from the structural engineer doesn't specifically state that the updated wall design meets Title 5 requirements. The board requested that Jack Maloney have the structural engineer compose an updated letter stating that the new design does meet all Title 5 requirements. Bob Fleischer moved to approve the wall changes, subject to the condition that the structural engineer compose the updated letter stating that the design meets Title 5 requirements, Evan Thackaberry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

747 Lowell Road, Ms. Fairbairn- non-compliance issues condemnation hearing scheduled for October 23rd, 2023 at 5:30pm. Michelle Collette confirmed that the members of the board as well as Nashoba Associated Boards of Health are aware and available for this upcoming hearing.

8 Fox Run, Jigar Bhakta, State Sanitary Code 105.CMR 410.430 Habitable Rooms other than Kitchen-Natural Light and Electrical Outlets- Jigar Bhakta addressed the board to discuss the plans to finish in his basement and create a home office. He shared that he wants to also seek approval to cut back 2 pipes in the floor. After some discussion confirming the pipes original

usage, as well as Evan Thackaberry asked if there is only one exit, to which Mr. Bhakta shared that there are 2 as well as window access, Evan Thackaberry moved to grant the requested natural light variance for 8 Fox Run, Michelle Collette seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

23 Wintergreen, Jeff Upton, Board of Health Code 319-1 Enclosure Required for Swimming Pools.

Mr. Gary McQuade of Matley Pools, the installer of the swim spa and Jeff Upton, the property owner, addressed the board to discuss the swim spa and its cover, providing the board with the ATSM certificate of compliance for the unit, and a photo of the cover. Evan Thackaberry inquired how much weight the cover supports, Gary McQuade responded while he did not know the exact weight off hand, that a person could move across the cover and be supported, no child or adult could fall through the cover, he also stated that it meets snow load minimums with locking straps on the periphery. Bob Fleischer motioned to approve the variance for this cover, Evan Thackaberry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Beaver Permit Updates- Michelle Collette updated the board regarding three recent beaver permit applications that were necessary for repairs and maintenance of dam areas due to the heavy rain storms in September and subsequent floods.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

Sign permits/ invoices- The board signed any permits and invoices.

Minutes- Evan Thackaberry moved to accept the 9/18/23 12pm, 9/18/23 5pm, and 9/18/23 6:30pm Board of Health meeting minutes as submitted approved, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried.

Schedule Next Meeting

Next meeting will be October 23rd, 2023 at 5:30pm.

ON-GOING ISSUES

- A. **PFAS Updates** Michelle Collette shared that there will be a PFAS information session with an overview of local updates upcoming on 10/18/23 at 9:30am and 7:00pm at The Groton Center. She also stated there the PFAS remediation expense plan will be voted on at the Fall Town Meeting on 10/28/23.
- A. **Squannacook Sportsmen's Club Site Updates –** Michelle Collette shared that there was a site walk at the perimeter of the Squannacook Sportsmen's Club site recently, where the future use of the parcel was discussed, with the site looking much improved as they approach completion of the remediation.

Bob Fleischer moved to adjourn at 7:13pm, Michelle Collette seconded, and the motion carried.

Minutes by Katie Berry.

APPROVED: 10/23/23
