



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, March 18th, 2024
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room 173 Main St Groton MA
Members Present: Michelle Collette, Robert J. Fleischer, Evan Thackaberry
Members Not Present:
Others Present: Katie Berry, Kalene Gendron, Judy Anderson, Fran Stanley, Jack Maloney, Darcy Donald, Claudia Desrosiers, Asha Rajagopal, Collin Thomas, Linda Jordan, Lois Young, Dean Luther, Groton Residents

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

Darcy Donald, Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) Threatening Birds and Mammals- Darcy Donald addressed the board on behalf of the Save the Nashoba Valley Wildlife to discuss the ongoing threat of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs). Ms. Donald shared information on the use of these products, and how they impact rodents and creatures of prey. The SGAR's also have been a threat to household pets and all creatures along the food web, Darcy Donald shared some resources for alternative and safer products. She stated that on April 30th at 7pm, the Save the Nashoba Valley Wildlife Group will have a presentation that is open to the public at the Groton Center located at 163 West Main Street Groton, MA. Ms. Donald requested to the Board of Health that we advocate for safe rodent control and to urge individuals to inquire about what is being used in their bait boxes and to request safer alternatives. The board discussed their support for the efforts of Ms. Donald and the group. Kalene Gendron, shared that she agrees with supporting these efforts, and that she has connected Darcy Donald with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health Outreach Coordinator for future publications. The Board of Health members thanked Darcy Donald and the Save the Nashoba Valley Wildlife group for their presentation and offered their continued support.

Jack Maloney, Dillis & Roy, 19 Orchard Lane, Client Geraldine Perry, Local Variances 315-1 Testing Requirements, 315-3 Design Requirements, 315-6 Square Footage Requirements, Local SDS and Title 5 Local Upgrade Approvals- Jack Maloney of Dillis and Roy presented the septic system design plans for 19 Orchard Lane, with consistent soil tests, and constraints within the site. Kalene Gendron stated that given these facts, she is in support of approving the requested variances, with the property being on town water. Bob Fleischer moved to approve the variances and local upgrade approvals as requested, subject to standard conditions, having been read aloud, Evan Thackaberry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Katie Berry, Administrator will prepare the letter and contact Mr. Maloney tomorrow.

797 Boston Rd, Proposed Age Restricted Housing Development, Position on Connection to Town Sewer- Michelle Collette shared information on the two 12-unit dwellings proposed at 797 Boston Rd, as the Board of Health was asked to take a position on connecting the site to town sewer by the Sewer Commission. Thomas Orcutt, Sewer Commissioner and Water Superintendent, shared that the Sewer Commission has approved the proposed sewer connection plan for the site. Bob Fleischer mentioned that

this area of town had been left outside of the original sewer district map, which Mr. Orcutt stated was in part due to the not knowing what would be located at this area, and shared his support for the municipal sewer connection for this age restricted housing development. Michelle Collette asked if the project would activate the inter-basin transfer, to which Mr. Orcutt said it does not. Mrs. Collette added that Groton does need rental housing, and this proposed 24-unit site is beneficial to the town, to which Mr. Orcutt agreed. Fran Stanley, Housing Coordinator, shared details on the project and her support. Kalene Gendron stated that since Title 5 is clear that if town sewer is available, that it is preferred, and she believes sewer is favorable for the site. Evan Thackaberry moved to support connection of 797 Boston Rd to municipal sewer, Bob Fleischer seconded, with clarification on capacity limitations by Mr. Orcutt and Michelle Collette reading the site-specific warrant article for Spring Town Meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

Health Agent's Report and Correspondence- Kalene Gendron shared that the responsible party for 95 West Main St has not provided the proof of recording as was required by the board. Ms. Gendron also shared information on recent trainings she attended in March, as well as upcoming Nashoba Associated Boards of Health sponsored rabies clinics. Michelle Collette added that Danny Griffin and Richard Blood of 95 West Main Street will receive notice that if the Board has not received proof of recording by April 1st, 2024, that the condemnation hearing for the property will be back onto the agenda.

Sign permits/ invoices- The board signed (2) septic permit applications and (1) invoice.

Minutes- The Board reviewed the March 4th, 2024 meeting minutes, Bob Fleischer moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Evan Thackaberry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Schedule Next Meeting

Board of Health will meet Monday April 1st, 2024 at 6:30pm. This will be the only meeting in April 2024.

Evan Thackaberry moved to adjourn at 7:18pm, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by Katie Berry.

APPROVED: 5/6/24
