



## 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 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Location: Town Hall, 173 Main St Groton MA, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
Members Present: Michelle Collette, Robert J. Fleischer, Evan Thackaberry  
Members Not Present:  
Others Present: Katie Berry, Kalene Gendron, Mike Marchetti, Ryan Corcoran, Wayne Legacy, Judy Anderson, Bharath Suryakanthan, Jonathan Crosswhite

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

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**577 Lowell Rd- Bharath Suryakanthan, State Sanitary Code 105.CMR 410.430 Habitable Rooms Other Than Kitchen-Natural Light and Electrical Outlets-** Bharath Suryakanthan, homeowner, was present to share his plans to create an office and play area in the upper part of his home. Kalene Gendron, Health Agent, reviewed the request and suggested a deed restriction be recorded as well, based on the room count, and the current 4-bedroom septic. The board asked clarifying questions about the proposed setup and ventilation. Evan Thackaberry moved to grant the variance for State Sanitary Code 105.CMR 410.430 Habitable Rooms Other Than Kitchen-Natural Light and Electrical Outlets for 577 Lowell Rd, as requested, with a 4-bedroom deed restriction to be recorded, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**17 Town Line Rd, Wayne Legacy, Housing Code Compliance-** Wayne Legacy presented his concerns regarding the tenant at his property and repairs needed. Mr. Legacy stated that he will be entering the property Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next month to make repairs. Jonathan Crosswhite, tenant, spoke to the board as well, presenting his concerns. Kalene Gendron shared that upon her reinspection dated April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, one violation had been remedied, with many violations still remaining. Kalene Gendron recommended a continuation based on the current status of the parties' dispute and remaining violations. After discussion, Bob Fleischer moved to continue the discussion of housing code compliance for 17 Townline Rd to the Board of Health meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2024, Evan Thackaberry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**747 Lowell Rd, Specialized Property Group, Condemnation Hearing, Continued-** Mike Marchetti shared that all violations have been remedied, which Kalene Gendron confirmed, and that the final building inspection is scheduled for Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 8:00am. Mr. Marchetti clarified that the use of the garage is for an office only, and any further zoning compliance violations, regarding the garage, would go through the Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer. Evan Thackaberry moved to recommend not condemning 747 Lowell Rd and close the condemnation hearing, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Evan Thackaberry moved to sign the Septic Design Permit for 747 Lowell Rd, for existing garage, office use only, any additional use would require permitting from other town departments, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Other Discussion:** Kalene Gendron shared that for the 240 Main Street, she will be doing a sound meter reading this Wednesday. The board also discussed some basic septic disposal system information with Mr. Suryakanthan.

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**OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**

**Health Agent's Report and Correspondence-** Kalene Gendron shared that she has been part of an extensive training over the last two weeks, on housing inspection. The board shared their appreciation for Kalene Gendron's hard work and efforts. Michelle Collette presented information of the Health Equity Conference she recently attended, which was co-sponsored by Nashoba Associated Boards of Health. Kalene Gendron asked the board about allowing authority for single component repairs and emergency repairs. Bob Fleischer moved to grant the Health Agent, Kalene Gendron, authority to grant permits for single component replacement and minor repair permits, Evan Thackaberry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Sign permits/ invoices-** The board reviewed and signed one single component permit.

**Board Reorganization-** Bob Fleischer nominated Evan Thackaberry for chair, Michelle Collette seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes-** The board went over the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting discussion topics. Evan Thackaberry moved to accept the minutes of 06 May 2024 as submitted, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Schedule Next Meeting-**

Board of Health will meet Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm.

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**Bob Fleischer moved to adjourn at 7:19pm, Michelle Collette seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Minutes by Katie Berry, Interdepartmental Administrative Assistant.

**APPROVED: 6/3/24**

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