



## TOWN OF GROTON

Board of Health  
173 Main Street  
Groton, MA 01450

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Date: Monday June 17th, 2024  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Location: Town Hall, 173 Main St Groton MA, 1st Floor Meeting Room  
Members Present: Michelle Collette, Robert J. Fleischer via Zoom, Evan Thackaberry  
Members Not Present:  
Others Present: Katie Berry, Joan Hamlett, Chris Mackenzie

**Evan Thackaberry called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.**

**Michelle Collette made an announcement to let the public know that the DEI Event to be held for Juneteenth, will be moved indoors to a building at LA called the media conference center, due to the extreme heat, beginning at 5pm, all are welcome.**

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### **4 Birchwood Ave, Dillis & Roy, Chris MacKenzie, Local Chapter 315 SDS Variances Request-**

Chris Mackenzie was present to discuss the sewage disposal system design for this site, proposing a Presby system, requiring local regulation variances to 315-3(K), 315-5(A), 315-5(G), and 315-5(I), as the site is complex, with a steep slope, and close proximity to the wetland buffer zone. Mr. Mackenzie shared that the Conservation Commission should have an Order of Conditions ready for their next meeting. Evan Thackaberry shared the notes provided by Kalene Gendron, Health Agent. Michelle Collette moved to grant the local regulation variances, for 4 Birchwood Ave, as stated in the letter dated May 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 by Dillis and Roy, with the standard conditions read aloud, a failure date used of May 29<sup>th</sup> 2024, for a 4-bedroom home, with a bedroom count deed restriction. Roll Call vote: Fleischer Aye, Collette Aye, Thackaberry Aye.

### **Tobacco Control Alliance, Joan Hamlett, Chapter 322-Tobacco Regulation Review-**

Joan Hamlett addressed the Board to propose an upgrade of the Tobacco Regulations for the Town, in order to combine the state and local regulations. Ms. Hamlett discussed the previously passed regulations from 2017 and 2023, and went over the proposed changes with members. Michelle Collette suggested the creation of a newly drafted regulation for this fall, with a completion timeline to be determined, and public hearing for future. Joan Hamlett provided valuable information on the sales of different tobacco products, like oral nicotine patches, vape, and wraps. Ms. Hamlett will reach out the first week of September to the Administrator, Katie Berry, to provide draft language.

### **17 Town Line Rd, Wayne Legacy, Housing Code Compliance-**

No parties were present. Kalene Gendron shared an update from her reinspection on 6/14/24, indicating that most of the violations have not been corrected, and some that were have not been corrected in a workmanship line manner. The enforcement order is now past the timeline for compliance. Michelle Collette moved to give Wayne Legacy, property owner, an extension to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Fleischer Aye, Collette Aye, Thackaberry Aye.

**Other discussion-** Michelle Collette provided information on a recent dog waste situation that had occurred in Town Hall, and press release from the Town Manager and Select Board. As pet waste transmits disease, the Board may choose to post signage around town. The Administrator, Katie Berry, will get advice from the Sign Committee, and bring a copy of a template to a future meeting for the Board to review.

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**OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**

**Health Agent's Report and Correspondence-** No Additional information provided.

**Sign permits/ invoices-** The board reviewed and signed one invoice for Compassionate Care, a rabies submission.

**Minutes-** The board went over the June 3rd, 2024 meeting discussion topics. Michelle Collette moved to accept the minutes of 3 June 2024 as submitted, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Roll Call: Collette Aye, Fleischer Aye, Thackaberry Aye.

**Schedule Next Meeting-** The Board of Health will meet Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm.

**Other Discussion-** Bill Matt from BCS Construction, a walk-in, was allowed to address the board regarding a previously failed sewage disposal system at 828 Martins Pond Rd, sharing that a deep hole test and soils analysis has been completed, potable water quality passed as well. Mr. Matt shared that during the deep hole test, up to 8 feet was dry, and soil adequate. Bill Matt shared his report and findings, and it will be up to the Board to determine whether they would approve the Title V, which can be placed on the July 1<sup>st</sup> agenda.

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**Michelle Collette moved to adjourn at 7:26pm, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Roll Call: Thackaberry Aye, Collette Aye, Fleischer Aye.**

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Minutes by Katie Berry, Interdepartmental Administrative Assistant.

**APPROVED: 7/1/24**

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