



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 July 1st, 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, Jack Maloney, Groton Resident

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

142 Townsend Rd, Dillis & Roy, Jack Maloney, Local Chapter 315 SDS Variances and Title 5 Local Upgrade Approvals- Jack Maloney presented the sewage design system upgrade proposed for a new home to be built by Roger Kanniard at 142 Townsend Rd. The variances requested are local regulation 315-5: Distances:(F)-A minimum of 20' must be available between any property line and the S.A.S. (Provided=10.6'), as well as variances Title V Local Upgrade approvals 310 CMR 15.405(1) (h): Reduction of the required 5-foot separation between the bottom of the proposed S.A.S. and the E.S.H.W.T. (Proposed 3-foot offset as per D.E.P. approval for GeoMAT systems). 310 CMR 15.405(1)(i): A sieve analysis may be performed if a percolation test cannot be performed. (Soil sample taken for sieve analysis due to wet conditions at time of testing is proposed). Michelle Collette shared that she lives in the neighborhood and presented a photo of the home that is currently on the site, which is in significant disrepair and stated that upgrade to the sewage disposal system and home would be beneficial for the neighborhood and for the town. The Board, Health Agent, and a Groton Resident reviewed the design plan. There are constraints to the site, requiring the requested variances. Bob Fleischer moved to approve the local and Title V variance upgrade approvals, subject to standard conditions, Michelle Collette seconded and asked a clarifying question about bedroom deed restrictions, which Kalene Gendron explained the guidelines in Title V for bedroom deed restriction needs, the standard conditions were read aloud, with a failure date of 7/1/24, with the existing 4-bedroom house to be demolished and a new house to be constructed with 4 bedrooms, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Dog Waste Signage- The Board discussed the potential to purchase and place pet waste signs in locations around town, as pet waste transmits disease, and there have been recent incidents of leaving pet waste around town. Michelle Collette presented the need for signage in certain areas and suggested that the DPW could place them. Michelle Collette moved to utilize \$450.00 maximum from the Board of Health budget, to purchase signs from ULINE, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

17 Town Line Rd, Wayne Legacy, Housing Code Compliance- Kalene Gendron presented that she has contacted both parties and neither are in attendance tonight, or at the past meeting. She shared that the property owner was in an accident and is unable to attend. Ms. Gendron also provided her findings from the June 14th, 2024 reinspection at the site, with most violations remaining unremedied. The Board

discussed giving the property owner time to recover and remedy. Bob Fleischer moved to continue the discussion to Monday August 5th, Michelle Collette seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

Health Agent's Report and Correspondence- Kalene Gendron shared an update on the 240 Main St noise complaint. The property manager has stated that he is working with an engineer to determine feasibility of installing an inverter type split system. Kalene Gendron also shared that there have been public health alerts regarding measles exposure. She also shared that there have been complaints regarding Nadia Farms on Nashua Rd, the property owner has been working with Ms. Gendron, she will provide additional information as soon as it is available.

Sign permits/ invoices- There were no permits or invoices for signature.

Minutes- Michelle Collette moved to accept the minutes of 17 June 2024 as submitted, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Discussion: Evan Thackaberry spoke with the Board about whether certain truck compression brakes are to be used on Main Street. Kalene Gendron shared information and the Board discussed whether there should be signage downtown. Katie Berry and Kalene Gendron will research whether and regulations are currently in effect. Michelle Collette also shared that there seems to be an uptick in covid test kits being requested.

Schedule Next Meeting- The Board of Health will meet Monday July 15th, 2024 at 6:30pm. Evan Thackaberry, and Kalene Gendron, will not be in attendance.

Michelle Collette moved to adjourn at 7:05pm, Bob Fleischer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by Katie Berry, Interdepartmental Administrative Assistant.

APPROVED: 7/15/24
