



TOWN OF GROTON

Board of Health
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Date: Monday December 1st, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Groton Town Hall, 173 West Main St Groton, MA 01450 and Zoom

Members Present: Michelle Collette, Robert Fleischer, Evan Thackaberry

Members Absent:

Others Present: Micaela Moore, Judy Anderson, Marina Wong, Michele Ally

Robert Fleischer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.- Robert Fleischer reviewed the agenda.

Housing Request 23 Whitewood Drive- Robert Fleischer states that health agent Kalene Gendron was unable to join us tonight, but that she did submit a report, and that report stated that the landlord (Marina Wong), contractor, and management (DoorFund) all have been prompt and responsive. She also stated that she would agree with an extension of 1–2 months, or as necessary (taking weather into consideration), but no greater than 5 months.

Marina Wong stated that she had sent progress photos. Evan Thackaberry asked how much time is needed. Ms. Wong stated the work that had been done and what will be done.

Michele Collette stated that, due to the owner's efforts and the health agent's recommendation, she would like to make a motion for three months. Ms. Wong stated they would not need three months and are only asking for a one-month extension. Ms. Collette stated that if more time was needed, they could ask for another extension.

Michelle Collette made a motion to grant a one-month extension, which would last until January 2nd, 2026. Evan Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion of Budget- Robert Fleischer stated that Kalene Gendron had left comments on the budget. Nashoba Associated Boards of Health has increased their charges. Mr. Fleischer stated there were many reasons for this price increase and that it is still a good deal.

Michelle Collette stated that being a part of the NABH is less costly than the town hiring their own agent, and that being a part of NABH has many benefits due to the collective knowledge they have across towns. Ms.

Gendron had also left the comment that she would recommend the Board look into a reduction in annual required testing for the landfill.

The Board discussed whether they could reduce testing and that they will need to speak to Ms. Gendron about the possibility. Ms. Collette asked if it even should be tested less, if possible.

Micaela Moore presented that some numbers of the expenses have been increased based on the spending of the last year, such as \$75 more for bulk mailing and \$300 more for advertising public hearings. Ms. Moore also brought to the Board that they are waiting on a new contract from GFS for landfill monitoring to finalize the budget for the Board.

The Board discussed the testing that is currently being done on the landfill and the cost that is currently being spent. Evan Thackaberry motioned that the preliminary budget be submitted to the town manager. Michelle Collette seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Change of Meeting Time- Evan Thackaberry asked if, after the new year, the meeting time could be moved to 7:00 pm. No one on the Board had any objections.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

Health Agent's Report and Correspondence- Robert Fleischer read updates from Kalene Gendron that stated: "I recently completed an EP (Emergency Preparedness) tabletop exercise, using extreme heat as a scenario. I applied the "playbook" and ICS (Incident Command System) and will be submitting an AAR (After Action Report) on behalf of GBOH. As the scenario progressed, the table began to remove items such as internet, communications, locations, etc. CHNA9 - North Central Mass. Health Equity Partnership – which promotes healthy equity, access not only is hosting a platform on, see below and be aware Groton will hopefully have a seat at the table on the Board where a resident has recently stepped forward. Also see PDF for registration information. WHEN: Thursday, December 4th, 2025 3:30 - 5:30 PM WHERE: Ayer Library, 26 East Main St, Ayer, MA 01432 WHAT: The Nashoba Valley region experienced the traumatic loss of its hospital in 2024, compounding the existing challenges faced by rural communities across the state and across the country. Community leaders went to work, first to fight the closure, then to advocate for investment and solutions that would not only mitigate the damage but make the Nashoba Valley stronger. That work resulted in community-informed data and recommendations, and it challenged health systems, government, and philanthropy to step up in a big way. Several initiatives have already begun, and YOU have an opportunity to drive these initiatives and help develop new ones as part of the Nashoba Health Equity Partnership. Come find out how and network with other community champions over light refreshments. Bring your hope, enthusiasm, and creativity!"

Sign permits/ invoices- No permits or invoices.

Minutes- No minutes to be signed.

Schedule Next Meeting- The Board of Health will meet on Monday, December 15th, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room 173 Main St.

Evan Thackaberry moved to adjourn at 6:48 pm, Michelle Collette seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by Micaela Moore, Interdepartmental Administrative Assistant.

APPROVED: 12/15/2025
