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**Meeting Minutes
Gloucester Board of Health
Septic Subcommittee
February 3, 2014
3 POND ROAD
MEETING ROOM C**

IN ATTENDANCE

**Frederick Cowan, Subcommittee Chair; Robert Harris, Board of Health member;
Joe Rosa, Board of Health member
Erin Kirchner, Health Department Sanitarian**

OPENING OF MEETING – 10:00 AM

- **52 Ye Olde County Road (Map 232, Lot 10)**
John Judd, Gateway Consultants
Inquiry as to the possibility of a tight tank to be situated within 100' of a coastal bank

DISCUSSION

Ms. Kirchner: reviewed the property file, the proposed plan, discussed site conditions and maximum feasible compliance for siting a septic system on this property.

Mr. Cowan: inquired about possibility of having a garbage grinder installed with a tight tank. Ms. Kirchner was not sure if this was allowable and would follow-up.

Mr. Harris: inquired about ensuring tight tank was water-tight and what that process includes.

MOTION: By Mr. Cowan, to recommend to the Board of Health at the meeting of February 6, 2014 to approve the variance requested as annotated on the plan dated 12/17/13.

SECOND: Mr. Harris

All in favor – motion carries



- **54 Ye Olde County Road (Map 232, Lot 9)**
John Judd, Gateway Consultants
Inquiry as to the possibility of a tight tank to be situated within 100' of a coastal bank, within 10' of a foundation, and within 50' of a well.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Kirchner: reviewed the property file, the proposed plan, discussed site conditions and maximum feasible compliance for siting a septic system on this property.

MOTION: By Mr. Cowan: – to recommend to the Board of Health at the meeting of February 6, 2014 to approve the variances requested as annotated on the plan dated 12/17/13.

SECOND: Mr. Harris
All in favor – motion carries

- **661 Western Avenue (Map 199, Lot 24)**
To discuss failure to comply with septic upgrade order dated 11/6/13

DISCUSSION

Ms. Kirchner: reviewed the history of the site, the reasons for the violation and the length of time taken to enforce compliance. The property owners were given the opportunity to appeal the order to upgrade and did not do so. They were then given the opportunity to have a Title 5 inspection completed to try to determine if the septic system was actually in failure, and did not do so.

Mr. Harris: asked if anyone from the Health Dept has visited the site in recent history – no one has, but would do so prior to the Board of Health meeting.

MOTION: By Mr. Cowan – to recommend to the Board of Health at the meeting of January 9, 2014 that the property owners of 661 Western Avenue receive a letter from the Board of Health stating that legal action would be taken if a reasonable timeline for remediation isn't received within 30 days.

SECOND: Mr. Rosa

All in favor – motion carries



CLOSE OF MEETING – 11:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ **Erin Kirchner** _____ **Date**

Accepted by:

_____ **Frederick Cowan** _____ **Date**
Subcommittee Chair



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Erin Kirchner and Max Schenk, Health Department staff**

ABSENT

Joe Rosa – Board of Health Member

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SUBJECT

- **84 CAUSEWAY STEET – LOBSTA LAND RESTAURANT
(Map 233, Lot 47)**
*Property owners Cory and George Grammas, John Judd, Gateway Consultants
and Ronald Strong were present to discuss the property owners' request for
another extension, as relayed by contractor RB Strong.*

DISCUSSION

Mr. Cory Grammas: outlined the reason for the extension request, stating that since the original request for an extension, and in consultation with the project engineer, they would like time to explore the possibility of purchasing and utilizing an alternative site where the system could be placed. The site, if viable, would possibly reduce the overall costs of the project.

Ms. Kirchner: reviewed the property file, the current approved plan, outlined the capacity of the existing system, vs. current use and the Department's case for upgrading the system.

Mr. Judd: reviewed the site and provided a lot map with the potential new site highlighted.

Mr. George Grammas: stated that he does not believe the current system to be in failure, but rather that the upgrade is their response to the increase in flow due to the expansion of the business.



Mr. Cowan: stated that, given the fact that the full wastewater output from the business is currently going into holding tanks that are regularly pumped, he had no objections to the request for an extension to April 15, 2015.

Mr. Harris: stated that he was of the same opinion and also had no objections.

MOTION: By Mr. Cowan, to recommend to the Board of Health at the meeting of February 6, 2014 to approve the upgrade deadline extension request from April 15, 2014 to April 15, 2015.

SECOND: Mr. Harris

All in favor – motion carries

- **367 CONCORD STREET (Map 239, Lot 3)**

Isaac Rowe, Mill River Consulting

Variance requests

to reduce the separation distance from inlet and outlet tees to high groundwater;
to reduce the requirement of two deep observation holes per disposal area;
to reduce the setback distance from the ProSTEP, Waterloo, and septic tank to the freshwater resource area;
to reduce the setback distance from the SAS to the freshwater resource area; and
to reduce the separation distance from the SAS to the private drinking water supply wells.

The representative for the property owner was not present

DISCUSSION

Ms. Kirchner: outlined the project and the proposed variance requests and had no objections to the

Mr. Cowan: stated that he is familiar with the technology being proposed and believes that it would provide more than adequate treatment of the effluent from the site.

- **MOTION:** By Mr. Cowan: – to recommend to the Board of Health at the meeting of February 6, 2014 to approve the variances requested as annotated on the plan dated January 9, 2014.
 - **SECOND:** Mr. Harris
- All in favor – motion carries



- **13 CEDARWOOD ROAD (Map 232, Lot 30)**

Robert & Patricia Smith

To discuss failure to comply with septic upgrade orders dated 6/27/2012 and 11/13/13. Property owners have requested a hearing.

The property owners were not present for the meeting

DISCUSSION

Ms. Kirchner: stated that she had invited the property owners to attend the subcommittee meeting vs. coming to the regular Board meeting of February 6, 2014 as the property owner stated that she would not be able to get a ride to be at the meeting.

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Mr. Schenk: Outlined the history of the site and the reason for the violation and length of time taken to enforce compliance.

Mr. Cowan: recommended that a Title 5 inspection be required to perform a Title 5 inspection and prove that the system is or is not functioning.

MOTION: By Mr. Cowant – to recommend to the Board of Health at the meeting of February 6, 2014 that the property owners of 13 Cedarwood Lane are required to perform a Title 5 inspection within 30-days of notice by the Health Department.

SECOND: Mr. Harris

All in favor – motion carries

CLOSE OF MEETING – 11:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Max Schenk

Date

Accepted by:

**Frederick Cowan
Subcommittee Chair**

Date