

CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Septic Subcommittee
Minutes of the Meeting
October 26, 2012
3 Pond Road
Meeting Room C
Gloucester, MA 01930

Board members present: Fred Cowan, Rob Harris, and Joe Rosa; Present from Health Department: Sanitarian: Jason Dustin.

Meeting began at 11:30 a.m., meeting adjourned at 12:10.

84 CAUSEWAY STREET

George Grammas, Owner
Gateway Consultants, Engineer

John Judd of Gateway Consultants appeared before the board on behalf of the owners. He stated that Ron Strong and Jared Strong, of R.B. Strong were present, as well as George and Corey Grammas. He gave a brief description of the variances proposed. He stated that they are proposing to use a 10,000 gallon tank as a temporary holding tank and request that they install the subsequent tanks in phases. He stated that the plan is very complex due to the constraints of the property.

George Grammas, owner of 84 Causeway Street appeared before the board. He spoke about the history of his ownership of the restaurant. He stated that he cares very much about the environment. He stated that he is willing to upgrade but cannot do it all at once due to financial aspect of the project. He stated that he would like to see a system like the one proposed for his system functioning at another site.

Mr. Rosa asked how much storage this tank would allow. *Mr. Judd* responded that the tank would give them 16,000 total storage.

Mr. Harris asked if grease was the main purpose for the tank. *Mr. Judd* responded that grease from restaurants is one of the biggest issues because it does not reach a temperature to solidify before going into the tank.

Mr. Cowan asked if the three new tanks would be installed. *Mr. Judd* responded that one of the three new tanks would be installed in January.

Mr. Dustin asked if they have calculated the flow because the cost will be non-recoverable. *Mr. Judd* responded that they have calculated the flow.

Mr. Cowan stated that under normal circumstances the Board of Health does not allow tight tanks to be installed unless it is deemed a hardship, then tight tanks have been permitted in the past. He stated that the Department of Environmental Protection has the ultimate authority in the matter.

Mr. Rosa stated that the proposal for the tight tank is not a permanent solution but a year-long interim solution.

Mr. Cowan asked when the installation of tank would be installed if approved. *Mr. Grammas* responded that construction will start in January after the restaurant closes for the season.

Mr. Cowan asked if runoff has been addressed with the new pavement of the parking lot. *Mr. Judd* responded that there is not a specific collection point because it is sheet flow that runs off the parking lot. He stated that they are not changing the amount of impervious material. *Mr. Cowan* stated that he is interested in capturing the opportunity to abate the pollution coming from the parking lot. *Mr. Judd* stated that it would require another tank to do that and it could be quite costly. He stated that there are some other treatments that he will look into and submit that plan separately for review.

MOTION by Mr. Harris that the Gloucester Board of Health grant the request for the extension of installation until April of 2014 and approve the request to install a 10,000 tight tank for 84 Causeway Street. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED.**

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by:

Fred Cowan