



**Meeting Minutes  
Gloucester Board of Health  
Septic Review Subcommittee  
February 13, 2018  
3 POND ROAD, GLOUCESTER, MA 01930  
Annex Conference Room**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Rich Sagall, Board of Health Chair; Rob Harris, Board of Health member; Fred Cowan, Septic Subcommittee Chair; Thorsen Akerley, Health Department Sanitarian; Isaac Rowe, Mill River Consulting, and Elizabeth Coffey, owner of 63 Sumner Street**

**OPENING OF MEETING – 8:30 AM**

**SUBJECT**

- **63 Sumner Street (Map 240, Lot 27)  
Property owned by Elizabeth Coffey and represented by Isaac Rowe, Mill River Consulting**

*To discuss an alternative design standard approval to allow for a 1.7 foot reduction in naturally occurring pervious material; a local upgrade approval to reduce the separation distance from inlet and outlet tees to high groundwater elevation from 12" to -11" (septic tank) and from 12" to 8" (Waterloo Biofilter), and variances to Gloucester's Onsite Wastewater Regulations to reduce the setback distance from the soil absorption system to habitable space from 20 feet to 15 feet (GBOH OSWR, Table 1) and to reduce the setback distance from the soil absorption system to an accessory building from 10 feet to 3 feet (GBOH OSWR, Table 1).*

**Discussion**

**Mr. Rowe** provides an overview of the property and variances being asked for.

**Mr. Cowan** questions whether the building sewer will have freezing issues.

**Mr. Rowe** replies that it will not.

**Public comment**

None



**Mr. Akerley** states that this is the best design possible given the circumstances.

**MOTION: Mr. Harris to approve the plan with the variances requested.**

**SECOND: Mr. Sagall seconds.**

**All in favor – motion carries**

- **11 Jebeka Lane (Map 252, Lot 17)  
Property owned by Nicholas and Deborah Holland and represented by  
Isaac Rowe, Mill River Consulting**

*To discuss the utilization of a cistern and water filtration system as an alternative to the existing seasonal municipal water supply.*

**Discussion**

**None – Water compliance office has not approved of plan yet.**

**Mr. Rowe** requests to withdraw the plan without prejudice.

**Public comment**

None

**NO MOTION**

**MOTION: By Mr. Harris to adjourn**

**SECOND: By Mr. Sagall**

**All in favor – motion carries**

**CLOSE OF MEETING – 9:00 AM**



**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Thorsen Akerley**

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**Date**

**Accepted by:**

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**Frederick Cowan  
Subcommittee Chair**

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**Date**