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Gloucester Board of Health Septic Subcommittee

October 28, 2014
8AM
Meeting Room C
3 Pond Road
Gloucester, MA

14 DEC -9 AM 9:29
CITY CLERK
GLOUCESTER, MA

Board members present: Fred Cowan; Rob Harris; Joe Rosa
Board members absent: None
Others present: Erin Kirchner, Sanitarian; Dan Ottenheimer, Mill River Consulting

Meeting called to order at 8:05am.

Subject: 3 Toronto Avenue (Map 136, Lot 54)

(Property owned by Janet Herman – represented by Dan Ottenheimer, Mill River Consulting)

Mr. Ottenheimer met with the Septic Review Subcommittee to discuss potential development of a site that will need variances from local regulations, including siting a leachfield less than 100' from a wetland buffer zone. Mr. Ottenheimer stated that the site met all the minimum setbacks the state has in place for new construction and the variances requested were from local regulations only. The members of the subcommittee agreed that this variance request would be discussed pending review of a final design plan.

Subject: 212 Hesperus Avenue (Map 167, Lot 40)

(Property owned by Hesperus Realty Trust, John & Joline Hentschel, trustees)

New Enviro-Septic system designed by William Robertson of EPS Associates requests the following variances: to situate a leaching field less than 20' from habitable space (7.5' provided); to situate a leaching field less than 10' from a property line (7.5' provided). Fred asked about the presence of garbage disposals on the property; this will be verified prior to installation. The subcommittee also discussed the need for a grease trap in order to preserve the new system after it's installed; it was determined that a grease trap would be a costly addition to the property and the issue of grease entering the system would be dealt with during the quarterly inspections that are required for an alternative system. The septic review subcommittee will make a recommendation to the full Board of Health pending potential questions from the abutter at the public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted

Erin Kirchner
Public Health Sanitarian