



Meeting Minutes
Gloucester Board of Health
Septic Review Subcommittee
September 27 2017
3 POND ROAD, GLOUCESTER, MA 01930
Annex Conference Room

IN ATTENDANCE

Frederick Cowan, Subcommittee Chair; Rob Harris, Board of Health member; Joseph Rosa, Board of Health member; Thorsen Akerley, Health Department, Jesse Blanchette, Griffin Engineering; John Judd, Gateway Consultants

OPENING OF MEETING – 8:30 AM

SUBJECT

- **12 Causeway Street (Map 234, Lot 47)**
Property owned by Jay McNiff and represented by Jesse Blanchette, Griffin Engineering

To discuss issues and potential requirements regarding the use of a shared swale and drainage system between the proposed leaching facilities of Lots 1 and 2.

Discussion

Mr. Blanchette went over the changes to the design plan and new outlined swale that will serve proposed lot 1's drainage requirements as it relates to the leaching fields slope onto proposed lot 2.

There was an agreement amongst the board of the new design plan, and asked that the easement is recorded on each lot 1's and lot 2's deed.

- **52 Shore Road (Map 166, Lot 10)**
Property owned by Claire Locher and represented by John Judd, Gateway Consultants

To discuss variances to Title 5 to allow a leaching facility to be installed within 50 feet of a coastal bank (310 CMR 15.211)(28 feet provided); to allow a septic tank and pump



chamber to be installed within 25 feet of a coastal bank (310 CMR 15.211)(22' and 18' feet provided); to allow less than 2' of naturally occurring pervious material in the leaching facility (17" provided), where a minimum of 2' is required (310 CMR 15.240 and 15.415 (2)), and to allow a leaching facility to be installed within 20 feet of a foundation (310 CMR 15.211) where 13 feet are provided for the upgrade of an existing cesspool.

Discussion

Mr. Judd goes over the design plan and variances being asked for.

The Board has a discussion about how long the system has been in failure and how it transferred legally.

Mr. Akerley mentions that because there are less than 2 feet of naturally occurring pervious material, this is not a variance that can be treated lightly.

MOTION: Mr. Harris motions to approve the plan with the variances requests.

SECOND: Mr. Rosa seconds.

All in favor – motion carries

MOTION: By Mr. Harris to adjourn

SECOND: By Mr. Rosa

All in favor – motion carries

CLOSE OF MEETING – 8:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Thorsen Akerley

Date

Accepted by:

Frederick Cowan
Subcommittee Chair

Date