



Meeting Minutes
Gloucester Board of Health
Septic Review Subcommittee
April 26, 2018
3 POND ROAD, GLOUCESTER, MA 01930
CATA Training Room

IN ATTENDANCE

Fred Cowan, Septic Subcommittee Chair; Joe Rosa, Board of Health member; Rob Harris, Board of Health member; Max Schenk, Health Department staff; Dan Ottenheimer, Mill River Consulting, and April Orlando, 17 Brooks Rd.

OPENING OF MEETING – 9:00 AM

SUBJECT

- **17 Brooks Road (Map 246, Lot 22)**
Property owned by Joseph and April Orlando - represented by Dan Ottenheimer, Mill River Consulting

Mr. Ottenheimer presented two onsite wastewater treatment options for the upgrade of the system located on the property. One included the use of a secondary treatment system. The Board members discussed the restrictions of the lot, including available area and drainage. In the end, the Board stated that, given the site restrictions and sensitivity of the area (being within the Jones Creek Priority Drainage Area) they would look more favorably on a design plan that included a secondary treatment unit. Mr. Ottenheimer and Mrs. Orlando thanked the Board members for their time.

(As this was an advisory meeting, only, not votes were required or taken)

- **1-3 Cabot Lane (Map 249, Lot 20)**
Property owned by Leary Realty 5, LLC – represented by Mark Finn, (dba The Hunter Group)

Request for Variances to 310 CMR 15.211 “Minimum Setback Distances”

- *Setback of a septic tank to a property line*
(10-feet required, 1-foot provided)
- *Setback of a leaching facility to water service*
(10-feet required, 9-feet provided)

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Mr. Schenk stated that this was an after-the-fact filing, that the applicant was not asked to attend and that he would present the issues on their behalf. These included the fact that site conditions prevented the septic tank from being located as originally designed and placed closer to the neighboring property line and that the leaching field needed to be moved by a foot. Mr. Akerley, Health Department staff, receiving permission from the neighboring property owners approved the changes on site, but stated that variances for the changes would need to be approved by the Board. He noted that abutters had been notified and receipt cards received.

Board members stated unanimously that they were not in favor of “after-the-fact” filings and felt that the installer/owner should have stopped all work till such time as the Board approved the variances. They required a continuance to the May 3, 2018 Board of Health meeting for the purposes of obtaining process clarifications by the installer.

Motion by Mr. Rosa to continue the hearing till May 3, 2018

Second by Mr. Harris

All in favor – Hearing continued till May 3, 2018

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

SECOND: By **Mr. Rosa**

All in favor – motion carries

CLOSE OF MEETING – 10:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Max Schenk

Date

Accepted by:

Frederick Cowan
Subcommittee Chair

Date