

**TOWN OF GROTON**

Board of Health

173 Main Street

Groton, MA 01450

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Michelle Collette, Chair

Robert J. Fleischer, Member

Evan Thackaberry, Member

Date: Monday, October 3rd, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Groton Town Hall

Members Present: Michelle Collette, Chairperson; Robert J. Fleischer, Member; Evan Thackaberry, Member

Others Present: Jack Maloney, Dillis & Roy Associates

Michelle Collette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**14 Valley Road – Septic Design System Variance Request**

Tracie smart – property owner

Proposed tight tank – to eliminate existing cesspool

Proposing they tie in to town water

Not new construction; existing house / cottage

No room to put a traditional septic system of any sort here; tight tank only way to go

Capability for year-round; not sure how it is assessed for or written for

INSERT IG’S COMMENTS HERE

MC – will be premature for us to act on this; pumping contract has been executed since his comments

IG – stressed survey plan & escrow plan

MC asked if JACK would be open to continuing discussion

Jack said that’s fine

Brief discussion ensued re escrow account; ig suggested $1K – in case there’s a failure for the homeowners to maintain the tight tank

Jack – it would be up to the pumper as he is the one who has to report the pump out to the Board

MC agrees with IG’s feedback re the escrow idea

Jack – does town have legal docs that includes all of this?

Mc – this gives us time to research this; jack asking about the language / template

**WILL ASK IG TO PROVIDE TEMPLATE**

Bob moved to continue to 10/17/22 at 7PM; evan seconded and the motion carried

**123 Martins Pond Road – Septic Design System Variance Request**

Owner Tim Boudreau – existing house

Replacement of a Presby system with system upgrade

Surrounded by wetlands

Has been approved by conservation

Looking up for local upgrade approvals

Can’t raise plumbing any more

**Using a PRESBY SYSTEM – ALREADY HAS ALT SYSTEM RECORDED**

*123 Martins Pond Road –*

*The application is for an upgrade to a failed system, that system failure dates back to 2004 according to the application submitted to NABH.*

*The proposal includes multiple variances to Groton’s regulation and Local Upgrade Approval requests as noted on the plan and in the variance request letter dated September 1, 2022.*

*Given the extensive wetlands on the subject property compliance is not possible and additional costs would be added should the 5 ft. groundwater offset be required rather than the 3 feet requested with the use of the Presby Enviroseptic system. The groundwater offset reduction is permissible with the Presby system for an upgrade if approved by the Board.*

*\*The application is missing the documentation and “owners acknowledgement” required by the MA DEP’s Standard Conditions.*

Issues above have been addressed and IG is satisfied with this.

Evan moved to grant the vars; bob seconded and the motion carried

4 BEDROOMS

Date of failure: 2004 date

**Deadline to complete upgrade - 1 year from today’s date – 10/3/2023**

**2 ISLAND ROAD – Continuation of Septic Design System Variance Request**

SUBMITTED TO IG AT HIS OFFICE LAST FRIDAY

Block wall 6 ft out from edge of septic system

Behind poly area

**ASK JACK FOR MOST RECENT REVISED SET OF PLANS**

Revised stamped plan is expected per IG – JACK DID BRING THIS / SUBMIT THIS

*2 Island Road –*

*The revised sketch plan for the retaining wall/ barrier (a revised plan has not been received as of 9/29/22) has been reviewed and would be consistent with the MA DEP’s guideline for the use of a wall or barrier where the grading of a disposal system can not meet the minimum requirements.*

*I have spoken with Jack and a revised and stamped plan is expected.  The plan must have specific details of the building materials and the elevations for each of the components of the barrier system (the block wall and the poly barrier).*

Bob asked about 2nd local reg – what is 310 CRM 15.222

IG SAID since Jack has now complied with MASS DEP Requirements therefore don’t need Title 5 requirements / local upgrade approvals

Parts that aren’t covered in TOG regs that are covered in 15.405

Request remains the same

Bob moved to grant vars requested; evan seconded

COVID UPDATES

Looks good so far

Boston – sewage

PFAS UPDATES – Meeting next Thursday 10/6/22 at 1PM

Exploring whether or not to expand town water to the school

**Robert Fleischer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Evan Thackaberry seconded and the motion carried.**

Minutes by Sammie Kul.