



# Town of Northborough

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## Groundwater Advisory Committee

July 10, 2013

Conference Room B

7:00 p.m.

**Present:** George Pember – Planning Board; Diane Guldner –Conservation Commission; Deidre O’Connor– Board of Health; Bryant Firmin –Water and Sewer Commission; and Bill Pantazis

**Also Present:** Fred Litchfield – Town Engineer; Mark Donahue – Esquire for 318 Post Road Corporation; and Vito Colonna – Connerstone Engineering

Groundwater Advisory members began discussion at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. To consider the request of 318 Post Road Corporation for a Variance for the property at 318 Main Street which is located within Groundwater Area 3. The application is for the expansion of an existing restaurant which requires a variance. The applicant proposes to reduce the amount of nitrogen released from the septic system prior to discharge to the groundwater.

Applicant: 318 Post Road Corporation  
Representative: Mark L. Donahue, Esquire

Mr. Donahue, Esquire who spoke for the applicant, explained the details of the proposed FAST septic system which would require a variance to accommodate more patrons for the proposed restaurant owner. Groundwater Advisory members and Mr. Litchfield discussed the proposed system, groundwater 3 area, nitrogen technology and testing, and options. Mr. Litchfield explained that based on research that he has done – the proposed system is a great option in the GW3 area. Ms. O’Connor explained concerns with who would be responsible and would monitor the system and ensure that the system is kept up. Groundwater members discussed the priority of protecting the groundwater area, issues that can arise if the system is not inspected and cleaned, and the penalties that could incur.

Groundwater members and Mr. Litchfield discussed the proposed onsite sewage disposal that would process less than 220 gallons per 10,000s.f.; it would accommodate more seating for the proposed restaurant. Mr. Donahue commented that the owner would provide quarterly grease trap pumping for the first two years of service. Mr. Litchfield commented on the nitrogen level needing to be achieved. Members discussed the need for maintenance, reports, and inspections.

***Ms. Guldner motioned, Mr. Firmin seconded and it was unanimously agreed to have Mr. Litchfield write a letter recommending that the Zoning Board of Appeals issues a special permit for 318 Post Road Corporation with the special conditions for quarterly grease trap pumping, bi-annual reports from the septic maintenance company for two years, and adherence to Board of Health requirements.***

Mr. Litchfield asked about wetland distance; Mr. Colonna commented that the wetlands are more than 80' away from the proposed work.

#### **Old/New Business**

- Discuss next meeting date tentatively August 13, 2013. Members discussed and agreed to meet.
- Review of minutes of June 11, 2013 – Groundwater members discussed and amended the discussion about 318 Main Street on the seating change from 125 to 200 seats.

***Ms. Guldner motioned, Mr. Pember seconded, and it was unanimously voted "To approve the amended minutes of June 11, 2013."***

- Northborough Commons – Ms. Guldner asked about the soil testing; Mr. Litchfield agreed to send a letter to the ZBA requesting the information at their next meeting.

#### **Adjourn**

Groundwater members agreed to end the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson  
Recording Secretary