



TOWN OF TISBURY

office of

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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MEETING MINUTES – December 20, 2023 – 4:00 PM

The Board of Health met at the Tisbury Town Hall Annex, 66 High Point Lane, and virtually by Zoom, meeting ID: 829 3647 5841, Passcode: 631697, or by phone at 646-876-9923.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Malcolm Boyd (joined at 4:10 PM) and Vice Chairman Dr. Michael Loberg. Commissioner Jeff Pratt attended the meeting remotely. Drew Belsky, Health Agent, Maura Valley, Health Agent, and Valerie Soushek, Administrative Secretary, were also in attendance.

Vice Chairman Loberg called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

The meeting minutes for November 14th and 28th, 2023 were accepted and approved as written.

APPOINTMENT(s)

4:30PM – Lea Hamner, MPH, Contract Epidemiologist for Dukes County

Ms. Hamner introduced herself and explained her role as an epidemiologist and with the Inter-Island Public Health Collaborative. She also described the scope of her contract for Martha's Vineyard relative to tick-borne diseases and the Hepatitis A outbreak on the mainland.

Ms. Hamner's presentation is included in these minutes.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Update on West Tisbury Meeting

Along with Consultant Scott Horsley, the health agents attended West Tisbury's BOH meeting last Tuesday to discuss aligning their regulations with Tisbury's in the Lake Tashmoo Watershed. They seemed responsive to reviewing Tisbury's current regulations and eventually adopting their own due to the issues at Tisbury Great Pond with the 208 Plan implemented in the up-island towns. They

were also appreciative of the offer of assistance in researching funding opportunities.

Septic Plan Approval Parameters

As Drew Belsky takes over as the Tisbury health agent, Ms. Valley recommended that the current approval process for septic plan approvals remain, i.e., he approves plans for standard Title 5 systems that only need minor variances. Plans with advanced treatment systems would still go before the Board.

The commissioners unanimously agreed with Ms. Valley's recommendation and voted to approve it.

Public Health Excellence Meeting

As a reminder, the possibility of an all-island meeting with Mike Hugo, the Grant Coordinator, was mentioned at previous BOH meetings. The in-person meeting is scheduled for January 11 at Oak Bluffs' Town Hall. Educational components will be offered to the new board members and agents.

Board of Health Annual Report

The annual report summary for the BOH was provided to the commissioners for their information. Commissioner Loberg commended Ms. Valley's communication skills, both verbal and written.

DWAs FOR BOARD APPROVAL

4453 Tashmoo Pond Farm LLC - 67 Lamberts Cove Rd. / 39-A-8 – Approved

Proposed plan: the upgrade of cesspools in the Tashmoo Watershed, for which zoning has been approved for the plan.

4458 Doug Reece – 210 Head of Pond Rd. / 17-A-11.1 – Approved

Proposed plan: the retrofit of a standard Title 5 system to NitROE in the Lagoon Pond Watershed using ARPA funds.

4459 Greg Moye – 90 Edgartown Rd. / 8-Q-8 – Approved

Proposed plan: an upgrade for expansion of use on the Lagoon Pond Watershed from 1 to 5 bedrooms.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Based on the health agents' FY 2025 budget narrative (attached) and personnel changes, the commissioners approved the proposed budget. Commissioner Pratt motioned to approve the budget, Commissioner Loberg seconded the motion, all commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Pratt excused himself from the meeting.

State Revolving Fund Warrant Articles

Drew informed the commissioners that he was creating placeholder warrant articles for State Revolving Fund (SRF) applications.

OLD BUSINESS

Condo Association Updates/Letters

Carmine Cerone and Doug Cabral attended on behalf of the Tashmoo Woods Association. Linda Fandel represented Causeway Harborview.

In a previous BOH meeting, the health agents and commissioners reviewed the implications of Tisbury's revised nitrogen regulations for condominium associations in a watershed. Representatives for the associations at Tashmoo Woods and Causeway Harborview inquired about the trigger for upgrading shared septic systems to advanced treatment when a unit sells or transfers.

The health agents have since met with Doug Cooper and the associations' representatives to discuss possible solutions for satisfying the revision for enhanced denitrification applicable to condominiums. They have submitted letters to the board summarizing their proposals.

Commissioner Pratt motioned to accept Tashmoo Woods's as-written proposal for a waiver to the BOH denitrification regulations contingent on 6-month progress reviews for addressing potential questions and concerns. Commissioner Loberg seconded the motion, and all commissioners voted in favor. They clarified that this waiver does not apply to failed systems.

In response to Linda Fandel's request for Causeway Harborview Condominiums Trust, Chairman Boyd motioned to waive the BOH denitrification regulations for a year, pending Tisbury's completion of its Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Upon completion, Tisbury Wastewater can confirm whether the Causeway Condos can connect to the municipal sewer. Commissioner Loberg seconded the motion, and all commissioners voted in favor.

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Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM with no further business to conduct.

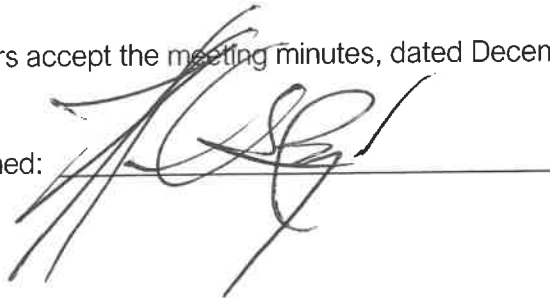
Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated December 20, 2023, as presented.

Date: 8 Jan 2024 Signed: _____

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