



TOWN OF TISBURY

office of

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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MEETING MINUTES – January 9, 2024 – 4:00 PM

The Board of Health met at the Tisbury Town Hall Annex, 66 High Point Lane, and virtually by Zoom, meeting ID: **828 0987 7858**, Passcode: **580962**, or by phone at **646-876-9923**.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Malcolm Boyd, Vice Chairman Dr. Michael Loberg, and Jeff Pratt, Clerk. Drew Belsky, Health Agent, and Valerie Soushek, Administrative Secretary, were also in attendance.

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

The meeting minutes for December 20, 2023, were accepted and approved as written.

APPOINTMENT(s)

4:15PM – Brice Boutot, IIPHEC Health Inspector

Mr. Brice Boutot introduced himself and explained his role as a health inspector for the island and with the Inter-Island Public Health Collaborative (IIPHEC)—he was hired at the end of 2023 to be the new island wide health inspector. While our office is short-staffed, Brice will be assisting our office with inspections and more when he is more acquainted with the job.

After introductions and welcomes were extended, the commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Brice Boutot as a Tisbury Board of Health Agent to assist with health department activities as needed.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

New Regulation Rollout – B2 District

The office has received a few calls and emails regarding the new regulation that took effect on January 1, 2024, including questions regarding properties near the B2 sewer district. According to

D. Belsky's conversation with M. Alberice, Tisbury Wastewater, there is a process by which property owners can apply for inclusion in the district with the Select Board and wastewater department. Such properties will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

The commissioners agreed that a list of questions and answers for the revised Nitrogen regulations be drafted to proactively address property owners' concerns. Questions should be emailed to V. Soushek.

DWAs FOR BOARD APPROVAL – N/A

OLD BUSINESS

State Revolving Fund (SRF) Update

Tisbury was not granted any of the State Revolving Fund. Other funding options will be researched for projects such as the cluster system at Lake Street and denitrification systems in general.

D. Belsky is talking to Town Administrator Jay Grande about revitalizing the short-term rental registration process, from which the Town shares the revenue (3% of the taxes collected by the State) that can be used to replenish the Town's septic loan program.

Another option may be to join the State's Clean Water Act and add a 2.7% tax assessment on short-term rentals.

Job Descriptions

The commissioners unanimously voted and signed a letter confirming previous conversations, approvals, and votes for the administrative assistant position for submission to Human Resources.

Other

D. Belsky will draft a warrant article for fees due to Scott Horsley.

BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 5:14 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 January 9, 2024, as presented.

Date: 23 Jan 2024 Signed: 