



TOWN OF TISBURY

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THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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MEETING MINUTES – January 23, 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 and Jeff Pratt, Clerk. Drew Belsky, Health Agent, and Valerie Soushek, Administrative Secretary, were also in attendance.

Vice Chairman Dr. Michael Loberg was absent.

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

The meeting minutes for January 9, 2024, were accepted and approved as written.

APPOINTMENT(s)

4:10PM – Fernando Lana, IIPHEC Health Educator

Fernando Lana has been working island-wide with IIPHEC as a public health educator and resource, primarily in the Brazilian and Hispanic communities. Currently, he is working on the direct treatment for a Tuberculosis case on Martha's Vineyard. He assists with food establishment inspections and school registrations, and Doug Cooper is training him on Title 5 inspections. Fernando is a valuable Island, Town, and Brazilian community resource. He is before the board to obtain the commissioners' approval to act on Tisbury's behalf, to which they voted unanimously in favor.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Warrant Articles

D. Belsky is planning to withdraw a warrant article submitted to retain Scott Horsley to implement the watershed management plan. The wastewater department has already included Mr. Horsley's services in one of its articles.

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Wastewater Grant Application Review

Eldredge – 47 Clover Hill Drive / 19-A-1.1

Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge have applied for ARPA grant funding for the installation only of an upgrade to their septic system. The engineering services were completed before Mr. Eldredge learned about the program, and under the rules of the grant program, the costs cannot be reimbursed. Otherwise, D. Belsky recommended them for the funding.

The commissioners unanimously approved the Eldredge's application for ARPA funding to replace their current septic system with a NitROE unit.

DISPOSAL WORKS APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

4463 Nancy Gilfoy/52 Central Ave/16-J-1.3 – An ARPA applicant who is replacing her system with a NitROE tank and new leaching field. – Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

165 Weaver Lane/13-A-3

Chris Alley came before the commissioners to review proposed renovations at 165 Weaver Lane, for which he is obtaining a special permit. C. Alley's specific inquiry was whether the change of use according to the new septic regulations would apply if a single-family 3-bedroom dwelling is reconfigured to a two-family, 1-bedroom apartment, 2-bedroom house, and another kitchen but keeping the exact bedroom count requires a denitrification upgrade. After learning more about the special permitting process, it appears that BOH regulations do trigger the "change of use," as they still need to apply for a building permit after this process is finished, and according to A. Upton, Planning Board Administrator, under the discretionary special permitting bylaws for multi-family housing, such renovations could be considered duplex or condo conversions. In this case, the property is being used as employee housing for Granite City Electric.

Upon discussion, Commissioners Boyd and Pratt voted to postpone a decision until the next BOH meeting, when the full board is available to vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Septic funding availability – N/A

Administrative Assistant Letter Revision

D. Belsky presented a revised letter reflecting the accurate grade and step for the administrative assistant position for the commissioners to sign. The commissioners voted to approve and sign the letter for increasing the position's grade and step.

BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 5:40 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 23, 2024, as presented.

Date:

9 April 2024

Signed:

