



TOWN OF TISBURY

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THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2017

The Tisbury (Town) Board of Health (BOH) met on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at the Tisbury Town Hall Annex.

Commissioners in attendance were Malcolm Boyd and Chairman Jeff Pratt. Maura Valley, Health Agent, and Catie Fuller, Assistant Health Agent, were also in attendance.

Commissioner Michael Loberg was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Pratt presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Minutes

Commissioner Boyd moved to accept the minutes of February 14, 2017. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. The motion was approved, unanimously, with no further discussion.

Health Agent Operational Updates

9 Cook Road

Ms. Valley reported that the building has been razed and the property has been cleaned at the Town's expense. Mr. Taylor Wilson has 30 days to reimburse the town for the expense to avoid a lien.

Falls Prevention Program

As part of a multi-town initiative, Ms. Valley has been reviewing options and pricing for adding a falls prevention program for an aging population to the Town's nursing contract. The program could potentially include home education, evaluation, and exercises for strength and stability. Ms. Valley has already been in discussions with Ms. Joyce Stiles at the Tisbury Senior Center and will also review the proposal with the Town's Ambulance Coordinator, EMS, and Fire Chief. A press campaign is also being considered.

Letter of Intent from Eversource Energy

Ms. Valley presented a Letter of Intent, dated February 1, 2017, from Eversource Energy. The "letter" outlines the 2017 vegetation management plans and schedule for the application of herbicides and cut surface treatments along the power line rights-of-way that pass through Tisbury. Tisbury has opposed such herbicide applications in the past.

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Action: It was agreed to include this topic for further discussion at the next BOH meeting on March 14th; thereby, giving the commissioners a chance to review and prepare an appropriate response to Eversource prior to the end of the comment period on March 27, 2017.

Barnstable County's I/A monitoring program

At no cost to property owners, Commissioner Boyd motioned to approve the Town's participation in Barnstable County's I/A septic monitoring program, which will ensure fulfillment of maintenance contracts, and inspection and testing requirements of septic systems. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion was approved, unanimously.

Old Business

Ms. Valley confirmed that the public hearing(s) for floor drain regulations and possible wellhead protection will be held on March 14, 2017, @ 4:30 PM, during the next BOH meeting.

Ms. Valley reported that the details of the project for implementing a joint bylaw for the registration of rental properties are still being negotiated by John Schilling and Ken Barwick. Jay Grande has requested a placeholder for a special town meeting on March 10th.

Ms. Valley reported that she spoke to Suzanne Kennedy regarding an amendment to the BOH budget for funds to assist property owners with septic upgrades in cases of financial hardship, and that such amendments are nearly impossible if not related to an emergency. Given that the BOH doesn't have an estimate of the costs required for assisting property owners, the commissioners agreed to postpone this until FY 2019.

Appointments

4:30 PM, George Sourati, re: DWA 4030, Causeway Harborview, 124 Skiff Ave, 12-B-10

DWAs approved by the Board

4026	Wayne Barrett	Ferro Way (Lot 4)	24-A-22.3
4030	Causeway Harborview	124 Skiff Avenue	12-B-10

New Business

Ms. Fuller inquired on behalf of John Clark at ETR Laboratories about Tisbury's required water testing parameters for monitoring wells. It was agreed by the Board that until more information can be discovered by Mr. Clark for Kjeldahl testing, the standard testing protocol for Nitrates, Nitrites and Ammonia should be followed.

Ms. Valley reported that the revised age regulations for tobacco sales are being supported by 5 towns on the island. West Tisbury's position remains unclear. The Tisbury BOH agreed to support this regulation as an island-wide approach.

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Payables

The Commissioners approved payment of the following bills:

County of Dukes	\$ 870.47
Hobbs & Warren	\$ 207.00
MHOA	\$ 130.00
Petty Cash	\$ 9.00
Sprint	\$ 78.49
Staples	\$ 91.40
VNA/Cape Cod	\$2,082.50

Next meeting

March 14, 2017 at 4 PM

With no further business to conduct the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek

Documents

Document package from Eversource Energy, dated February 1, 2017, including the following notices: *21 Day Letter* to inform of Eversource Energy's intention to "selectively apply herbicides in 2017", *Environmental Monitor Notice*, *2017 Yearly Operational Plan Maps*, *45 Day YOP Public Notice and Review and Comment Period*

Report, Permits issued for septic systems and cesspools, including upgrades, new construction, and additions/reconstruction; BOH, dated 2/28/2017

Report #: 2817270, Well Water Monitoring Tests; ETR Laboratories, dated 2/8/2017 and 2/23/2017

Proposed: *Town of Tisbury Board of Health Floor Drain Regulations*

The Board of Health accepts the meeting minutes, dated February 28, 2017, as presented.

Date: 3/28/17 Signed: 