



TOWN OF TISBURY

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Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2018 – 4:00 PM

The Tisbury Board of Health (BOH) met on Tuesday, November 11, 2018, at the Tisbury Town Hall Annex.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Michael Loberg and Jeff Pratt. Maura Valley, Health Agent, Catie Blake, Assistant Health Agent, and Valerie Soushek, Administrative Secretary, were also in attendance.

Commissioner Boyd was absent.

The commissioners voted to approve the meeting minutes of November 27, 2018, with minor corrections.

HEALTH AGENT OPERATIONAL UPDATE

NitROE

Ms. Valley reported that the 9th NitROE system was installed last week for a seasonal property. Testing won't commence until next Spring. The 10th system will be installed next week. It also won't be functioning until next Spring. The test results have been good for the systems installed to date. Ms. Valley has drafted a spreadsheet for tracking test results from Test America.

Commissioner Loberg mentioned that the Town will be applying for an Edey Foundation Grant in January for \$10,000-15,000. This will cover the shortfall for funding in the coming year.

Licensing of Beds and Breakfasts (B&Bs)

Ms. Valley reported that the State adopted the 2013 food code and recently updated their CMRs on food services, including the requirement for local boards of health to license B&Bs. The State is no longer requiring local BOHs to license B&Bs with less than six

(6) rooms to rent and which only serve non-potentially hazardous foods, i.e. continental breakfast. The Town BOH will still be required to inspect for lodging house licenses as required by the Selectmen.

Commissioner Pratt motioned to adapt Town standards to the State's new regulation for B&Bs. Chairman Loberg seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Budget/Warrant Articles

Ms. Valley stated that she has a meeting on Friday with John Smith, Melinda Loberg, and Suzanne Kennedy, to discuss a proposed warrant article of \$15,000-20,000 for the funding for testing of the NitROE systems. If the Edey Foundation Grant is extended, the warrant article can be reduced accordingly.

Ms. Valley provided a draft of the proposed 2020 Board of Health budget, excluding payroll, which is due on December 21st. Warrant article requests are due on December 17th. Ms. Valley requested the Board's approval to work with Michael Loberg to approve and finalize the submission as there will be no additional BOH meetings before the due dates. Ms. Valley explained that the budget for mosquito and rabies control is consistent with spending in prior years; landfill monitoring is according to the amount of the contract with the service provider; public health services include funding for the island-wide youth collaborative, tick initiative and a small amount for unanticipated clinics, i.e. in the event of an outbreak. The total budget is slightly less than the prior year by approximately \$400.

Commissioner Pratt asked about the availability of a vaccination clinic for Hepatitis B for EMS employees. Ms. Valley explained that as part of the public health contract with Island HealthCare and depending on the cost, vaccinations can be scheduled with Island HealthCare without holding a clinic.

Chairman Loberg asked Ms. Valley to itemize public health services and show prior year spend in preparation for a future discussion to finalize the budget.

Chairman Loberg recommended that the Chairman or Health Agent meet with Mr. Jeff Kristal of the Tisbury Finance Committee about vetting social service program expenses submitted as warrant articles to eliminate potential duplication, prioritize projects, and share costs. Ms. Valley agreed to meet with Mr. Kristal and report the discussion points back to the commissioners.

Commissioner Pratt expressed his satisfaction with the proposed budget.

Town Report

Ms. Valley provided a basic rough draft of the Town report for the commissioners' review and comments. The report is due January 9th.

PFA's in Drinking Water info

Ms. Valley provided a MassDEP Fact Sheet, *PFA's in Drinking Water: Questions and Answers for Consumers*, given the recent discovery of contamination in wells located near Martha's Vineyard Airport.

Ms. Valley agreed to review the use of firefighting foams and exposure to the Town with Chief John Schilling. She will report the discussion points back to the commissioners.

Short-term Rental Tax

Ms. Valley provided a copy of the 7/29/2018 House Bill No. 4841. Ms. Valley informed the commissioners that the BOH will need to adopt a plan to inspect rental properties as required by the new bill.

ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Mansion House

Ms. Catie Blake reported that the Mansion House is up-to-date on license fees owed to the Town.

Stop & Shop

Ms. Blake reported that she has met with and continues to be in communication with Stop & Shop's management regarding a variety of issues that have been reported on social media or to the BOH over a recent period. Since the meeting, an inspection was scheduled, and the result for the report was positive. Ms. Blake will continue to follow-up with unscheduled weekly visits and a letter confirming recent discussions and agreed-upon resolutions.

Chairman Loberg asked to see a copy of Ms. Blake's letter to Stop & Shop's management at the next BOH meeting in January.

Black Dog Bakery

Ms. Blake reported that the bakery will be (temporarily) closing for renovations to make improvements to drainage for the prevention of flooding in the future. The new manager has been very responsive to issues as they arise.

Golden Bull

Ms. Blake reported that the owner has not had and is still not ready for his final inspection to open the restaurant at Five Corners. Additionally, Vineyard Caribbean Cuisine, who shares the kitchen with Golden Bull, is relocating to a space on Main Street.

DWA(s) REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

4166 Robert Ascoli / 34 Dunham Avenue / 12-G-10

NEW BUSINESS

Well Permit

Mary Wolverton / John Hoft Rd. / 55-A-12 - Approved

Citation Appeal – Karen Medeiros / 26 Ruths Way / 24-A-30

The commissioners voted to hold the citation amount to \$100. Additional accrued fines of \$100 will be abated and noted in the parcel file. Failure to comply will result in a criminal complaint to Ms. Medeiros.

BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

With no further business to conduct the Board of Health commissioners adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health accepts the meeting minutes, dated December 11, 2018, as presented.

Date: 1/0/19 Signed: 