



TOWN OF TISBURY

office of

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2023 – 4:00 PM

The Board of Health met virtually by Zoom (meeting ID: 813 6381 6603, Passcode: 449085) or by phone at 646-876-9923.

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

Dr. Michael Loberg, Clerk, was absent.

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

The meeting minutes for January 17 and 31, 2023, and February 14, 2023, were approved by each document as written.

APPOINTMENT(S)

4:30 – Marcy Glenn

Re: Request for half bath in the basement at 22 Pilot Hill Farm Rd.

Ms. Valley introduced the proposal for an addition at 22 Pilot Hill Farm Road; the upper level will be a new master bedroom, and the basement will become an office space open to the hallway upon removing the walls. In addition, the Glenns would like to construct a half bath for the office, given that they eliminated the privacy factor.

Commissioner Boyd motioned to approve the renovations, and Chairman Pratt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously with no further discussion.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Targeted Wastewater Management Plan (TWMP)

Scott Horstley is compiling the information and reaching out as needed for the draft TWMP. The management group is meeting tomorrow to talk about the process.

Ms. Valley reached out to Kirk Metell, Director of the Department of Public Works, about James Houle, University of New Hampshire, for input on the Tashmoo outfall pipe. Kirk confirmed they're working with Mr. Houle to construct Grove Avenue catch basins. He also has recommendations for the area around the outfall pipe and is committed to providing a draft concept for the Town. In addition, Kirk and Mr. Houle have discussed investigating the current functionality of the first flush basins on West Spring Street. Kirk will schedule a meeting for himself and Ms. Valley next time Mr. Houle is on the Island.

Proposed Regulations Updates

- Replacement of lead water lines—While no draft document is available, Ms. Valley spoke to Mike Hugo about such regulations in other state communities. He agreed to look into the matter for Tisbury.
- Upgrade of cesspools in a series at the time of property sale/transfer – A draft amendment was provided to the commissioners for review before a public hearing could be scheduled.
 - “Overflow cesspools or cesspools in a series are considered non-conforming systems and must be upgraded at the time of property transfer, major renovation, or expansion of use.”

Fertilizer Regulations

The fertilizer class will take place this Saturday.

Ms. Valley provided a draft letter reminding the pond-abutting property owners of the regulations for fertilizer usage compliance. The letters will be sent next week before property owners and landscapers start fertilizing.

Additionally, the Island health agents have appointed the new shared services inspector to conduct spot checks as he sees landscapers on the job. He will check their licenses and the products they are using to ensure compliance.

Woodstove complaint on Old Lighthouse Road

The claimant is considering an appeal of the findings submitted to her.

ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

General Updates

Ms. Blake has been working with Ackee Tree on expanding use and several inquiries on commercial home kitchen requirements. In addition, she will be volunteering at the annual rabies vaccine clinic this Saturday.

Ms. Valley added that Catie would be working with the new Chilmark and West Tisbury agents on food service processes and inspections.

DWAs FOR BOARD APPROVAL

4415 – Haroldo Nascimento – 82 Clover Hill Dr. / 19-A-15.1

A proposed upgrade to a NitROE system due to failure at the current leaching field for an existing 4-bedroom dwelling with two proposed bedrooms in the basement. The property is in the Lagoon Pond Watershed, just outside Zone 2. No variances; meets all requirements. Approved.

4416 – Robert Rippcondi – 121 North William St. / 5-K-1

Upgrade of a failed system to NitROE on a small flat lot with many variances and no other options. The neighbors did not dispute the proposal upon receipt of abutter notifications. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Waiver for upgrade of failed septic system at 64 Mariner Road

Ms. Valley spoke to Doug Cooper, who said that treating the tank with Aid-Ox helped the situation based on his observation. The system's not backing up or overflowing. Regarding the water service pipes in the basement—the existing septic system is so deep and no longer meets State code. A new system will have to be shallower, requiring re-piping the water service to be higher on the basement wall. Ms. Wojnowski is against this.

According to Doug, it could be reasonable for Ms. Wojnowski to continue using the existing system as long as she has a contract with a pumper to check the system every six months to ensure that it doesn't need to be pumped and/or treated.

Additional notes: The washing machine must be re-connected to the septic system, which may further tax it. Upgrading would be required upon property transfer. Also, if sewage hits the ground or overflows at any point, the matter needs to be revisited.

Chairman Pratt motioned to allow Ms. Wojnowski to use the current system if she has a contract with a pumping service to check the tank every six months. If the system overflows or fails, installation of, at a minimum, a standard Title 5 system for hardship would be required.

Seconded by Commissioner Boyd. Discussion: A copy of the pumper's contract must be provided to our office and the inspector must report the updates to the BOH office.

Chairman Pratt revised his motion to add the inspections must be verifiable. -Approved unanimously.

Next meeting: March 28, 2023. Chairman Pratt will attend via Zoom.

BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

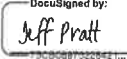
Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 4:38 PM with no further business to conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated March 14, 2023, as presented.

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