



TOWN OF TISBURY

office of

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

PO Box 666, 66 High Point Lane
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MEETING MINUTES – March 28, 2023 – 4:00 PM

The Board of Health met at the Tisbury Town Hall Annex, 66 High Point Lane. The meeting was also available virtually by Zoom (meeting ID: 854 5599 9985, passcode: 272425) or by phone at 646-876-9923.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Jeff Pratt (via Zoom), Vice Chairman Malcolm Boyd, and Dr. Michael Loberg, Clerk. Maura Valley, Health Agent, Catie Blake, Assistant Health Agent, and Valerie Soushek, Administrative Secretary, were also in attendance.

Vice Chairman Boyd chaired the meeting and called it to order at 4:00 PM.

The meeting minutes for February 28, 2023, were approved as written.

Mac Schilcher was a visitor.

APPOINTMENT(S)

4:00 Drew Belsky, SAPHE Grant Shared Services Inspector
Re: Appointment as Tisbury Board of Health Agent

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

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Targeted Wastewater Management Plan (TWMP) for Lake Tashmoo -
A report is forthcoming. A public forum is planned for the week of April 10th.

Tisbury Outfall Pipe -

Ms. Valley and Kirk Metell, Director Department of Public Works (DPW), are still hoping to meet with James Houle, University of New Hampshire, to discuss options for addressing issues with the West Spring Street outfall pipe at Lake Tashmoo. Mr. Houle submitted a concept drawing, which is attached, but a review meeting is still pending. Ms. Valley believes the decision on how to proceed lies with the Water Resources Committee.

Homeless Encampments -

Ms. Valley is planning a meeting with Tisbury's Police Chief, DPW Director, Harbormaster, and the Homelessness Prevention Caseworker to discuss the various homeless encampments on Town property, i.e., behind the solar array, beside Oak Grove Cemetery, etc. Outreach options will be researched by Ms. Valley, Maura Morrison, the homelessness caseworker, Brian Morris, a substance use disorder caseworker, and a police officer. Unfortunately, the temporary homeless shelter is closing at the end of this month. The plan is to visit the sites to inform the residents of the available services and that they must vacate them. The police and DPW will be responsible for following up to enforce the order to vacate and break down the camps. The homeless shelter is closing at the end of this month.

ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

General Updates -

Ms. Blake continues to work with Alex of the West Tisbury Board of Health office on bed and breakfast, restaurant, and school inspections. A couple of gaps in their processes have been identified.

DWAs FOR BOARD APPROVAL

4418 – Lynn Bowman, 7 Chelsea Hill Road (20-A-39) – Proposal to expand usage for (2) additional bedrooms in the Lagoon Pond Watershed; no variances requested. Approved.

4419 – Jolanta Wojnowski, 64 Mariner Road (24-B-3) – Proposed NitROE system to upgrade a failed system/leaching pit. Approved.

4420 – Jared Meader, 47 Carl Lair's Lane (15-A-3.3) – Proposed NitROE system to upgrade a failed system and for adding another bedroom in the Lagoon Pond Watershed. Approved.

4421 – Usingtol LLC, 9 Harbor View Lane (4-D-14) – Proposed upgrade of a single cesspool on a small harbor lot. Approved.

Next meeting: April 11, 2023. Chairman Pratt will attend via Zoom. Vice Chairman Boyd will be absent.

BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

Chairman Pratt adjourned the meeting at 4:41 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 28, 2023, as presented.

Date: 5/6/2023 Signed:

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Malcolm Boyd

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