



**TOWN OF TISBURY**  
*office of*  
**THE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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MEETING MINUTES – June 27, 2023 – 4:00 PM

The Board of Health (BOH) commissioners met at the Tisbury Town Hall Annex, 66 High Point Lane, on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 4:00 PM. The meeting was also available virtually by Zoom (meeting ID: 828 4395 7902 and passcode: 671769) or by phone at 646-876-9923.

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

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

In-person visitors: Louise Clough; Andrea Peraino, To Market; Euniki Seonwoo, Martha's Vineyard Times.

The meeting minutes for June 13, 2023, were approved and accepted as written by Chairman Boyd and Commissioner Pratt. Commissioner Loberg abstained as he was absent from the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

4:15 PM        Andrea Peraino d/b/a To Market  
                  Re: Market and Juice License Approval

Tisbury's BOH has previously licensed Ms. Peraino as Juice by the Sea, but she now has a commercial kitchen in Oak Bluffs where she still makes juice. She is opening a retail establishment on Main Street near the Mansion House and wants to install a temperature-controlled grab-and-go case to sell her juices, catering to the Mansion House's guests.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve Ms. Peraino's license.

## HEALTH AGENT REPORT

### Title 5 revisions – Exclusion of Islands from State's New Regulations

Ms. Valley provided the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) correspondence and summary of changes to the proposed regulations for the commissioners' review. The Islands have been excluded; however, that is subject to change. Ms. Valley recommended continuing the current plan toward completing Tisbury's TWMP and CWMP, to which the commissioners concurred. How the regulatory revisions will affect SRF funding opportunities for Tisbury is still being determined.

### Targeted Wastewater Management Plan (TWMP)

Mr. Scott Horsley confirmed that the plan is still on target to make the mid-July submission deadline to secure SRF funding. However, there was a delay in obtaining information regarding the B2 sewer district due to contractual issues with Environmental Partners. Ms. Valley will continue to monitor the matter.

### ARPA Wastewater Funding

The County finalized its plans for ARPA funding. The Island towns need to draft their plans for disbursement before the County makes the loan application available on July 15th. The County will post the application on its website and link it to each Town's website.

The BOH office has received inquiries for funding from six property owners. When available, their applications must be vetted according to the parameters established by the commissioners. Ms. Valley reminded the commissioners that the Town must follow the County's guidelines for income qualification, set at 240% of AMI (the formula used by the housing bank). Or, at 80% or less, the Town can ask the County to pay the costs directly.

Ms. Valley contacted a couple of local septic engineers regarding their estimates for installing NitROE systems. They provided the following information—

NitROE retrofit for 3–4-bedroom home	\$25,000 - \$30,000
NitROE retrofit for 5+ bedroom home	\$45,000 - \$50,000
Additional cost for complete Title 5 system	\$15,000 - \$20,000
Engineering costs	\$3,000 - \$4,000 plus expenses
Annual O&M and testing (pending a response from John Smith of Kleantu)	

Ms. Valley recommended setting a reimbursement amount of \$35,000 per upgrade. This is roughly the cost of a retrofit, engineering costs, and two years of operation & maintenance for a 3–4-bedroom dwelling and would cover nine upgrades over the allowed period of three years. The commissioners agreed that it's the most equitable distribution for a variety of property sizes. Additionally, the applications should be prioritized by income and proximity to the Pond.

Ms. Valley confirmed that the applications will be reviewed by the BOH office staff. If they qualify financially, they will be brought before the commissioners for their approval. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve Ms. Valley's recommendations.

## ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

### General updates

Ms. Blake received the first dog-friendly variance application from Mocha Motts. She will submit it to the commissioners for review at the next meeting once she has vetted it.

Beach testing results have been clean.

Preparations for August's Beach Road Weekend will be gearing up.

### DISPOSAL WORKS APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY BOARD

DWA 4435 – Donna Cummins – 26 Heath Hen Lane / 23-A-7 – Upgrade of failed system with NitROE in Tashmoo Watershed – Approved.

### BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

Island Health Care (public health services) \$7,707.32

Island Health Care (public health services) \$1,440.95

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 4:00 PM.

With no further business to conduct, Chairman Boyd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek  
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated June 27, 2023, as presented.

Date: 25 July 2023 Signed: 