



## **TOWN OF TISBURY**

*Office of*

### **THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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### **Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2017**

The Tisbury Board of Health (BOH) met on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Tisbury Town Hall Annex.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Jeff Pratt, Malcolm Boyd, and Michael Loberg. Catie Fuller, Assistant Health Agent, was also in attendance.

Chairman Pratt presided and called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

#### **Minutes**

*Dr. Loberg moved to accept the minutes of January 24, 2017. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved, unanimously, with no further discussion.*

#### **Appointments**

4:15 PM                      *Cancelled by Leslie Floyd*

#### **Old Business**

*All actionable items of January 24, 2017 will be added to the agenda for February 28, 2017 as old business.*

*Dr. Loberg reported on the data from the "pilot system" in Falmouth: it is reporting an abundance of ammonia converting to nitrate, which is converting to nitrogen gas in entirety. Some Ammonia is still detectable as the bacteria that converts oxidative ammonia to nitrate is temperature sensitive so its build-up is slow this time of year. The system, including oxygen, is flowing well.*

*A brief discussion was raised by Chairman Pratt regarding assistance for septic system replacements or upgrades in cases of financial hardship for town residents.*

#### **Health Agent Operational Updates**

*None*

#### **New Business**

*Ms. Fuller inquired about water testing parameters for monitoring wells as requested by John Clark.*

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*Action: The Board voted to approve postponement of a decision until it can be reviewed with Ms. Valley on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, by Chairman Pratt. In the meantime, the Board agreed that consideration should be given to testing for the presence of Ammonia, Nitrates, Nitrites, and Kjeldahl Nitrogen.*

Ms. Fuller inquired about the BOH's regulatory responsibility for properties being used for animal husbandry and farming within a watershed district.

*Decision: Such matters do not fall within the BOH's jurisdiction.*

### **DWAs approved by the Board**

4028 Alan Sampson                      Andrew's Road                      21-B-14.1 / 21-B-14.2

### **DWAs postponed by the Board**

4026 Wayne Barrett                      Ferro Way (Lot 4)                      24-A-22.3

*Action: The Board voted to approve postponement of a decision until it can be reviewed with Ms. Valley at the next BOH meeting on February 28, 2017. Ms. Malkin may also need to be consulted.*

4030 Causeway Harborview                      124 Skiff Avenue                      12-B-10

*Action: After an initial vote and further discussion, the Board voted to approve Dr. Loberg's motion for postponement of a decision until it can be reviewed with Ms. Valley, and George Sourati, System Engineer, who will be invited to the next BOH meeting on 2/28/17. An on-site visit by a BOH Commissioner may also be required. The motion was unanimously approved.*

### **Payables**

*The Commissioners approved payment of the following bills:*

Vineyard Health Care Access Program	\$750.00
Verizon	\$653.08
Town of Tisbury/Comcast	\$119.39
Wright-Pierce	\$ 60.83

### **Next meeting**

*February 28, 2017 at 4 PM*

With no further business to conduct the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek

### **Documents**

*None*

The Board of Health accepts the meeting minutes, dated February 14, 2017, as presented.

Date: 2/28/17                      Signed: 