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MEETING MINUTES – January 14, 2020 – 4:00 PM

The Tisbury Board of Health (BOH) met on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Tisbury Town Hall Annex.

Chairman Pratt called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

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

Meeting minutes from December 10, 2019 were approved with no changes.

Commissioner Malcolm Boyd arrived at 4:42 PM.

APPOINTMENTS

4:30 PM Jay Araujo

The commissioners approved a (6)-month reinstatement of Mr. Araujo's license to pump septic systems in Tisbury based on his commitment to have part-time assistance in his office and to not pump any system without a permit. Any more than (2) unexplained/unreported infractions will result in the immediate suspension of Mr. Araujo's license, again. The commissioners also ordered Mr. Araujo to purchase a block of (5) prepaid, renewable permits for emergencies and convenience pump-outs, pay permit fees for all (13) unpermitted pump-outs conducted in November, and appear before the commissioners for a board review at the end of the (6) month probationary period.

5:00 PM Island Housing Trust re: proposed SanTOE system / 299 Daggett Ave.

The commissioners reviewed and voted to approve the proposed septic plan for the installation of a SanTOE system at 99 Daggett Avenue without issue. Two (2) abutters of the property attended the meeting. They recognized the enhanced efficiency of the proposed system for the existing structure. There were no issues or concerns raised specific to the matter at hand.

HEALTH AGENT OPERATIONAL UPDATE

9 Cook Road

Ms. Valley reported that on December 11, 2019, the Court ordered Mr. Taylor Wilson to have his property at 9 Cook Road completely cleared of trash, debris, and vehicles by December 26, 2019. Ms. Valley inspected the property on December 27, 2019, but the condition of the property was still non-compliant. Mr. Wilson came in to the BOH office to report that he had been staging and organizing the items for removal; however, it did not appear that any progress had been made when Ms. Valley re-inspected the property on Monday, December 30, 2019. As such, Ms. Valley filed an affidavit with the Court stating that Mr. Wilson had not complied with their order. Counsel for the Town has agreed to keep Ms. Valley apprised of the Court's next decision.

Landfill

Ms. Valley reported that she has scheduled a meeting with Doug Rice of Wright-Pierce on January 21, 2019. Representatives of CVEC and Green Skies will also be in attendance to review current BOH concerns of inadequate erosion control and mowing practices. Mr. Rice confirmed that he will have a contract amendment available at the meeting for Ms. Valley to provide to the commissioners for signature. Upon receipt of the signed document, Mr. Rice will file a request to the State to reduce the frequency of testing at the landfill.

Ms. Valley stated that she would like to schedule a public hearing for having the site assignment removed at the landfill. The commissioners voted to hold a hearing on March 10, 2020.

300 State Road

Ms. Valley reported that a recent inspection of Mr. Clarence Barnes' residence, a single-family dwelling, was conducted with the building inspector and fire chief. Mr. Barnes has constructed illegal bedrooms in the basement. Inadequate egress and the use of space heaters was also noted. Mr. Barnes has been ordered to stop using the bedrooms; however, he has disputed the order in writing to the Town. Town officials are scheduled to re-inspect the dwelling on January 17th.

Plumbing inspector

Ms. Valley reported that discussions regarding the consolidation of permitting activities for gas and plumbing work, have been held by Town management. She confirmed to the commissioners that according to Massachusetts general law, the plumbing inspector should be appointed by the building department, not the BOH. The commissioners approved the process to transition all plumbing application, inspection, and inspector responsibilities from the BOH to building department, effective July 1, 2020.

Amelia Hambrecht septic system

Ms. Valley reported that Ms. Amelia Hambrecht has made the final decision to have a NitROE system installed at her property on Lagoon Pond Road. If State approval has been received, the installation will be done as part of the provisional program for the NitROE project.

Island Grown Initiative (IGI) Food Waste Composting

Ms. Valley reported that she and Commissioner Loberg met with Eunice Youmans of IGI about increasing residential awareness and participation in the food waste composting

program. Ms. Valley recommended that Ms. Youmans attend the next Island-wide meeting for health agents on January 15th to discuss the program and hauler regulations. Ms. Amy Ryan has granted permission to install a display with an example of a food waste bucket at Tisbury Library. Additional information will be provided to the commissioners as it becomes available.

February meeting schedule

Ms. Valley reminded the commissioners that our regularly scheduled meeting dates in February are the 11th and 25th. Ms. Valley will be on vacation February 8 -25. Commissioner Loberg stated that he will be travelling February 12-22. Ms. Blake is scheduled to be out of the office February 24-28. It was agreed that the February meeting schedule will be reviewed again and established at the BOH meeting on January 28, 2020.

ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Salmonellosis occurrence

Ms. Blake stated that she received a report of a Salmonellosis occurrence that was contracted by an Edgartown resident while dining at the Black Dog Tavern, possibly. A full investigation and report are the jurisdiction of the Edgartown health agent, Mr. Matt Poole, but as a precautionary measure, Ms. Blake conducted a thorough inspection of the restaurant. There were no infractions noted at the time of inspection and given the delayed report by the diner, it was too late to check for tainted food.

Summer Camps

Ms. Blake reported that she recently conducted a preliminary inspection of a space for (1) possible summer camp program. She has also received an inquiry for another possible program.

Barn Inspections

Ms. Blake reported that annual barn inspections have been completed. There were 3-4 barns where infractions were noted, and they were brought into compliance by the date of re-inspection. The reports have been sent to the State.

Food establishment inspections

Ms. Blake reported that approximately 20% of Tisbury food service establishments have been inspected for their annual license renewal.

Food Code Pro

Ms. Blake reported that an update was implemented by the developer. The update has made the program more user friendly.

Permits

Ms. Blake reported that she will have permits available to sign a future meeting.

DISPOSAL WORKS APPLICATIONS (DWAs) APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

DWA 4237 Island Housing Trust / 299 Daggett Avenue / 26-A-2 - Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Styrofoam ban and alternative products

Mr. Malcolm Boyd stated that he has been contacted by a couple of his constituents about the continued use of Styrofoam containers by food service establishments in the Town and the lack of a ban for the use of such products. M. Blake agreed to research the matter to understand how many restaurants are still using Styrofoam products and provide an update at a future meeting.

Groundwater test wells at Lake Tashmoo

Commissioner Boyd stated that Ms. Sherri Caseau of Martha's Vineyard Commission is interested in partnering with the Town to install test wells. The testing equipment is readily available. Ms. Valley agreed to invite Ms. Caseau to the next BOH meeting to discuss a testing program.

OLD BUSINESS

Continuance of extension to upgrade – Smyer / 542 Franklin Street

The commissioners approved a continuance of the existing extension to upgrade the septic system at 542 Franklin Street until April 30, 2020; however, any further delays must be reported to the commissioners at their meeting on March 10th by the property owner and/or her agent, Chris Alley of Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn.

BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Pool Operation Management	training	\$305

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With no further business to conduct, the Board of Health Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated January 14, 2020, as presented.

Date: 1/28/2020 Signed: 