

TOWN OF TISBURY

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THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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MEETING MINUTES – March 8, 2022 – 4:00 PM

The Tisbury Board of Health (BOH) held a meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 4:00 PM. Due to ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom, ID 934 9988 8415, Passcode 610289, phone 646-876-9923.

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

Chairman Loberg called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

The commissioners voted to approve the meeting minutes from February 1st and March 2nd, 2022.

APPOINTMENTS

4:15 PM – Bob Barry – 105 Sandpiper Lane / 27-A-53.1

Mr. Barry has a 4-bedroom home with a 4-bedroom septic system in the Tashmoo watershed. He would like to finish his basement for a recreation/living room with a full bathroom but does not have the adequate septic capacity for such a potential bedroom situation. The BOH office has explained that he can't renovate without upgrading his system with advanced treatment. Based on the commissioners' concurrence, Mr. Barry decided to withdraw his proposal to consider other options.

4:30 PM – John Thayer – Wood working shop at Holmes Hole Rd. / 22-A-3

Mr. Thayer is constructing a woodworking shop off Holmes Hole Road. He requests a de minimis use waiver to install a standard Title 5 system in the Tashmoo watershed. The Board previously approved a waiver to the nitrogen regulations for Mr. Whit Hanschka, whose metal works shop is approximately the same size and intensity of use as that proposed by Mr. Thayer. Mr. Hanschka's average water use is 19 gallons per day, far below the flow allowed by the Board.

Ms. Valley recommended approval of the proposal based on the precedent set/average water use at Mr. Hanschka's shop. She added that there would be minimal benefit to installing an advanced treatment system due to such a low water flow. A change of use would require further review, to which Mr. Thayer was understanding and agreeable.

The commissioners voted to approve Mr. Thayer's proposal at a flow of no more than 110 gallons per day.

4:45 PM – Golden Bull Brazilian Steak House – 13 Beach Street Ext.

Golden Bull has been purchased by Mr. Vilson Faria. Mr. Faria has been the chef at the restaurant and does not plan to change the current operation as the new owner. It will remain a 52-seat restaurant. As confirmed by Ms. Blake, the BOH-required paperwork is in order and a successful inspection has been conducted.

The Commissioners voted to approve Mr. Faria's license change contingent upon completion of the Planning Board's requirements.

5:00 PM – Catboat Coffee Co. – 79 Beach Road, Unit 12

The Catboat Coffee Co. is a new establishment offering coffee, tea, other hot beverages, baked goods, breakfast sandwiches, and flatbread sandwiches in the former Not Your Sugar Mama's location. Seating will not be provided. The owners have filed the BOH-required paperwork and fees, and Ms. Blake has conducted an on-site plan review. Build-out of the space needs to be completed before performing a final BOH inspection.

The Commissioners voted to approve Catboat Coffee Company's license contingent upon completing the Planning Board's requirements and a final health inspection.

5:15 PM – Tom Tate – 105 Passamaquoddy Ave. / 66-A-5

Mr. Tate's client would like to add an office extension to their master suite. Although they would access the office through the dressing area, there is adequate privacy. Therefore, it meets the BOH definition of a bedroom. Additionally, the property, located in the coastal district, has a 5-bedroom septic system with an existing five bedrooms. As such, Mr. Tate proposes a deed restriction to allow for the construction. The commissioners stated they were disinclined to approve the proposal but would consider alternatives that would not cause a bedroom allowance exceedance.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

- COVID update

Case numbers are very low, and Martha's Vineyard is low risk according to CDC and DPH standards. The vaccination bus is returning next Sunday and in addition to COVID shots, flu vaccinations will be offered. Ms. Valley is still submitting weekly reports and risk updates to the local newspapers and for Tisbury's website.

- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

No updates were available.

- I/A technology funding

County commissioners unanimously approved the Martha's Vineyard Commission grant proposal for \$475k. The funds will be used to assist I/A septic systems in gaining MassDEP certification for general use. However, the grant cannot start until the County confirms that it will operate under federal monitoring requirements.

- Venue for future BOH meetings

The next meeting on March 22, 2022, will be held via ZOOM while simultaneously testing a hybrid model using ZOOM and in-person. A decision for the venue of future meetings will depend on the outcome.

ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT UPDATE – N/A

DWA FOR BOARD APPROVAL

4361 Island Grown Initiative (IGI) / 80 & 104 Stoney Hill Rd. / 45-A-1

IGI proposes an extensive NitROE system in the Lagoon Pond Watershed with multiple wastewater-generating uses. No variances are required, and the design adequately addresses all areas.

After an in-depth review and discussion of the septic plan with Mr. Chris Alley, Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn, a decision was postponed until the next BOH meeting on March 22nd, pending an on-site tour for Chairman Loberg with Chris Alley.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rabies vaccination waiver renewals –
 - Hazel Zablotny - Approved
 - Alice Lau - Approved
- Well applications –
 - Kenneth Hurd / 127 Red Coat Hill Rd. – A DWA with the well location noted was previously approved. The commissioners voted to approve the actual well application.
 - Blue Water Trust / 275 South Farm Rd. – Approved for a replacement well.

BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

Vineyard Gazette, LLC / advertising / \$157.50


With no further business to conduct, the commissioners adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

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The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated March 8, 2022, as presented.

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