

TOWN OF TISBURY

office of

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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MEETING MINUTES – April 12, 2022 – 4:00 PM

The Tisbury Board of Health (BOH) held a meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 4:00 PM. Due to ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom, ID 960 6768 9779, Passcode 743263, phone 646-876-9923.

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

Commissioner Pratt was absent.

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

Approval of the meeting minutes from March 22, 2022, was postponed.

APPOINTMENTS

4:15 PM – Tim McHugh / 116 William Street / 6-E-5 – half bath in basement

The property owner, Mr. Jeffrey Peters, was also in attendance to present a proposed renovation, including a finished basement with a half bath.

The property has (4) bedrooms upstairs with a 4-bedroom septic system. The initial plans submitted had a wall between the media room and office which has since been opened, so the office wouldn't be considered a potential bedroom. There is no bar sink or kitchenette area proposed in the basement. The property is not in a sensitive area, and there is a reserve area on the septic design plan, so the system could be upgraded in the future if necessary.

The commissioners voted to approve Misters McHugh and Peters' proposal with a deed restriction notice.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

- COVID update

COVID updates will no longer be a standing agenda item in the future. Instead, Ms. Valley will provide a daily update Monday through Friday showing the number of new cases, the running 7-day total caseload, and the CDC risk category. If the case numbers rise, the critical factor will be how extreme the illness is and whether our healthcare system is over-burdened.

- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Commissioner Boyd reported that an update to the BOH is pending a formalized report from Mr. Adam Turner, Martha's Vineyard Commission.

- Landfill property issues

After a recent site visit last week, Mr. Jay Grande, Tisbury Town Administrator, was advised that the parcel being considered for a property exchange was site assigned for landfill operations. Mr. Kirk Metell, DPW Director, was advised to cease dumping brush in the borrow pit while this issue is addressed. The soils used to fill a portion of the hole came from the drainage project at Island Elderly Housing and were tested before disposal. Copies of the test results will be obtained and shared with the commissioners. In addition, Ms. Valley will check with Mr. Keith Fenner regarding filling in the area he excavated to dispose of boring materials.

- Montessori School

The lead issue identified at the Montessori School appears to be coming from within the school--the Town replaced the lines leading into the school with plastic piping in 2009, as confirmed by excavating and uncovering the lines before the meter and leading into the school. In addition, water samples taken from the new building, which come from the same water line as the old building, were non-detect for lead. A neighboring property on the same water line also tested non-detect for lead.

School officials will contact a plumber to investigate the problem. Until there is a resolution, the school will continue to use bottled water for drinking and any food prep. Again, school officials will contact a plumber to investigate the problem.

ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

- General updates

Ms. Blake is done assisting the Oak Bluffs BOH office with restaurant inspections for their staffing transitions.

Beach testing will commence soon.

Ms. Blake will be working with the Tisbury School cafeteria staff on transitioning their operation to the American Legion building. Minimal construction will be required to bring the cafeteria online. It is a win-win for both organizations over the next two years.

DWAs (DISPOSAL WORKS APPLICATIONS) APPROVED BY HEALTH AGENT

4365 Clayton Trading Co. - Weaver Lane /13-B-2.2 & 4.3 – Approved with BOH consent.

DWAs FOR BOARD APPROVAL

4368 Brandon Brookes – 9 Chapde Lane / 14-B-1.32 – Commissioner review of this plan is postponed for pending responses to zoning questions.

4369 Julie Veale - 39 Hines Point / 11-A-54 – Upgrade with NitROE system in the Lagoon Pond watershed – Approved.

4370 Ann Barros - 61 Heath Hen Lane / 23-A-4.3 – Added to the agenda due to Ms. Barros' failed system across the street from the outfall pipe on West Spring Street – Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Rabies vaccination waiver renewal – Emma Swift – Approved

Request for deadline extension for septic upgrade – 154 Daggett Avenue / 26-B-8

A voluntary Title 5 inspection at 154 Daggett Avenue, currently occupied, found the existing system operating at maximum capacity. A DWA for the upgrade was approved on November 17th, 2021, with an installation deadline on or before February 17th, 2022.

The property is now under a sale/purchase agreement, and the buyer would like an extension until July 1st, 2022, for installing the new system. Closing on the property is scheduled for May 9th, so the requested date is within 90 days, the BOH standard deadline window.

Well Permit – Island Grown Initiative / 45-A-1 – The commissioners unanimously approved the proposed well permit at the new location and zone 1 buffer area.

BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL

NEIWPCC / dues/membership / \$75.00

MHOA / dues/membership / \$125.00

West Tisbury Volunteer Fire Dept. / training / 60.00


With no further business to conduct, the commissioners adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated April 12, 2022, as presented.

Date: _____ Signed:  _____
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