

TOWN OF TISBURY

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THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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MEETING MINUTES – August 23, 2022 – 4:00 PM

Due to ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually by Zoom, meeting ID: 837 1504 5940, Passcode: 732970; and phone at 646-876-9923.

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

Chairman Jeff Pratt was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Boyd at 4:16 PM.

The meeting minutes for August 9th, 2022, were approved as written.

Visitor(s): Rich Salzberg, Martha's Vineyard Times

APPOINTMENT(S):

4:15 PM Amelia Hambrecht
Re: Accessory structure on property

Appointment postponed until September 13th when Chairman Pratt will be in attendance.

Ms. Valley recommended that Commissioner Boyd recuse himself from discussions given that he is contracted for employment by Ms. Hambrecht.

4:30 PM Scharukh Jalisi & Moushmi Soleja
RE: Finished basement at 219 Herring Creek Road

The property owners would like to finish their basement with a half bath. They currently have a 5-bedroom septic system with (6) existing bedrooms, (4) in the main house, (2) in the guest house in the Tashmoo Watershed. Proposed floor plans were provided.

The commissioners approved the half bath in a basement with a signed bedroom restriction agreement from the property owners.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Covid update –

Case numbers are down, and local data puts us in the low-risk category. However, CDC data for service area 22, including Martha's Vineyard, has listed the Island as medium risk.

After 2 ½ years of reporting, September 2nd will be the last day that daily case updates. There is a lack of confidence in the data given that more and more over-the-counter tests are being used, and positive cases aren't being reported. Additionally, with the summer season ending, the CDC will be issuing new guidance, and the schools are moving away from testing. Ms. Valley will continue to monitor the case numbers and send out notifications and public health guidance if the Island enters the high-risk category again.

Lyme Disease vaccine trial -

The first Lyme vaccine was administered as written in the Martha's Vineyard Times, mvtimes.com

Montessori School update –

Water samples were taken from the newly installed tap last Tuesday. The results are pending.

ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT UPDATE

Ms. Blake reported on pre-event inspections for Beach Road Weekend, and what she anticipates will be needed during the concert.

DISPOSAL WORKS APPLICATIONS (DWAs) APPROVED BY HEALTH AGENT – N/A

DWAs FOR BOARD APPROVAL

4384 - Diane Tocci / 85 Stoney Hill Rd. / 44-A-3 – A proposed plan for a failed system upgrade to NitROE in the Lagoon Pond Watershed – Postponed for tank size revision.

4385 - Nilzette Miller / 115 West Spring St. / 24-D-8.1 – A proposed plan for a failed system upgrade to NitROE in the Tashmoo Watershed – Approved.

4386 - Robert Yapp / 41 Edgartown Rd. / 8-N-7 – A proposed plan for a failed system upgrade to NitROE in the Lagoon Pond Watershed – Approved.

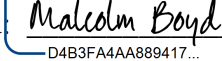
With no further business to conduct, Vice Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated August 23, 2022, as presented.

Date: _____ Signed:  _____
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