**CH I L M A R K B O A R D O F H E A L T H**

**Minutes**

**December 6, 2023**

**5:00 pm / in-person meeting**

**Chilmark Town Hall**

1. **Middle Road**

**Present:** Katherine Carroll, Matthew Poole, Anna McCaffrey, Reid Silva, Robert Nixon, Peter Fletcher (P. Ahern’s office), Robbie Robinson, Chris Alley

**Absent:** Jan Buhrman

**11/15/23 Draft Minutes -** The Boardwill review the draft minutes at the next meeting.

**14 Pinkletink Road (20-17)** (VLS) – The Board reviewed and approved the proposed septic tank relocation.

**14 DH`s Hill Rd. (21-71, 27.1-179, 27.1-180, 27.1-181)** (VLS) **–** The Board reviewed and approved a proposed leaching field for an existing 3-bedroom dwelling with a future 1-bedroom addition

**Public Hearing** **144 Beach Plum Ln. (21-80)** (VLS) – Reid Silva presented the revised septic plan, which included the increased distance from the proposed leaching field to Martha Cattle’s property line -18 feet, Micro FAST Tank and an existing leaching facility on 14 DH’s Hill (21-71), which was not show on the plan prior. Reid admitted that it was a mistake on his end. The leach field on 14 DH’s Hill will be relocated to be outside of Costal District. The Board expressed that what Reid presented, was more what they were looking for, but emphasized that 30 feet SAS to property line set back must be met. Reid will discuss a possibility of moving the existing leaching field at 86 Beach Plum Ln. (21-79) with Robert Nixon and come back to the next meeting on 12/20/23 @ 5:15 pm with a revised plan.

**18 Henry Hough Lane (25-22)** (VLS) **–** The Board reviewed and approve a proposed revised septic system plan for an existing 4 bedroom house, proposed 2-bedroom garage and 2 future bedrooms. On the revised plan, the garage is reflected as proposed. On the previous plan, it was shown as future garage.

**23 North Slope (20 - 45.1)** (VLS) - The Board reviewed the Title 5 inspection report “Pass” for the 2 bedroom septic system currently supporting the existing garage with 1-bedroom apartment above. The Board also signed off on the plans to convert an existing first floor of the garage into a 1-bedroom accessory apartment.

**BOH FY25 Budget discussion & MVRD FY25 proposed budget review –** The Board discussed the budget briefly ask asked the office Administrator to pencil preliminary numbers. It is expected for the professional development, office supplies budget lines to be less in the next fiscal year as the most of the mandatory training was completed and all the necessary items for the new administrator were purchased.

**Body Art Regulations discussion & next steps –** The Board made a decision to adopt Edgartown’s Body Art Regulations (the state template) and asked the office admin to schedule a public hearing in January and advertise it in the newspaper.

**20 Hammett Rd. (8-50.2)** – Peter Fletcher of Patrick Ahern’s office and Robbie Robinson presented the proposed plans for an addition of a guest bath, dressing room and to convert a guest room into a bedroom. Kent Healy designed the current 5-bedroom septic system in 1993. Later the space above the garage was added and the 1000 gallon tank was replaced with 1500 gallon one. The basement has a finished family room with a full bath, which was finished without a building permit and BOH approval. The main house has one existing bedroom on the first floor, three existing bedrooms on the second floor, 1 bedroom garage apartment. The den will not have a door and just a cased opening. As the Board considers a family room in the basement a bedroom, the options offered to the proponents were to either deed restrict it or do a leaching field replacement to support this additional bedroom.

As the proponents were not entirely sure that the owner would agree to additional costs associated with a leaching field replacement, the Board felt comfortable with a deed restriction of a family room and a statement from the owner acknowledging the fact that the future expansion on a thirty year old, old code septic system. The Builder will discuss the idea of the future leaching field replacement with the owner.

**81 Cobb’s Hill Rd. (11-26.3)** (SB&H) – The Board approved the septic application that reflects addition of the proposed bedroom in the basement. The septic system is already in the ground.

**9 Middle Rd. (7-22.1**) (Walter Smith Plumbing) – The Board approved the well replacement application but asked the Health Admin to conform what work is actually being done.

**Chilmark School PWS operator estimate from Well-Tapped Water** **review –** The Board discussed the fact that the current school PWSO failed to collect samples and submit all the required documentation to the DEP timely on several occasions in the past. Due to the number of his hiccups accumulated over the years, the Chilmark Board of Health made a decision to advise the principal and the school committee representative to change the PWSO. Based on the information from West Tisbury Board of Health about their satisfaction with the new PWSO – Well-Tapped Water, the Board will advise to get the same vendor.

**BOH Fees revision discussion & next steps –** This topic will be discussed at later time, when the administrator finishes comparison chart for all the island towns.

* **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair at the time of posting**

**277 North Rd. (14-9) –** Adrian Higgins called the office to request a septic install inspection. As the septic permit approval was contingent on the new well water testing, inspector McCaffrey asked to provide the results for that before the inspection of the septic. Adrian reported that Island Water Source (IWS) was working on drilling a well. As the office never received an application for a new well & IWS was drilling a well without a permit. The office administrator called IWS to follow up on it but never heard back. The office sent a letter of reprimand and on 11.24.23. Jaqueline Noel called the office and stated that Dave did not drill a well but a dry hole to show the owner that there will not be any water at the location the owner insisted on. The Board did not find this as an acceptable answer. The Health Inspector will communicate it to the driller. The Health Admin will contact the DEP to see what the well driller licensing entails and Matt Poole will contact James Cimeno.

**Menemsha Deli –** Inspector McCaffrey reported to the Board thatBuck Martin came by the office and let her know that the owners are going to lease the deli, including the Beetlebung store space to William and Michelle Seward for a future grocery store. The admin will speak to the Zoning Officer on this matter. The concept will have to be approved by the SB and the Zoning officer. After that, Plan review must be submitted to the BOH. The Health Inspector will speak to the Zoning officer on this matter.

**Temporary Food Event application** – Chilmark Community Church on 12/16/23 10 am -4:00pm – approved.

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