

CHILMARK BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

May 4, 2022

5 pm

via zoom

Present: Katie Carroll, Matt Poole Jan Buhrman, Reid Silva, Celena Guimaraes

Minutes of April 20th, 2022, approved with amendments.

2 Barton Road (18-54), cont'd Reid Silva proposed a system upgrade for an existing 5 bedroom house, with provisions for addressing the 2-bedroom “camp” house septic system also on the property by installing a water-tight, anti-bouyant tank. The proposed plan would require a variance from the Board’s so-called “Wiggins Rule,” according to which it is not permitted to run a septic line through a wetland. However, the Board noted that the proposed plan is an excellent solution to a difficult location. The camp has a composting toilet, so wastewater consists of greywater only. The Board **approved** the revised permit, on the condition that Reid Silva provide a summary of the sequence of construction and a formal request for relief from the Wiggins Rule.

49 Wequobsque (30-114) Reid Silva provided a revision to the plan approved on 4/7/2022, which would have the septic leachfield relocated to other side of house to accommodate a pool in future. The existing well is to be abandoned, same flow to the septic system. The proposed revision meets separation requirements. A well application will be submitted. The Board **approved** the revision on the condition that the existing infiltrators should be removed.

Silver, 0 Chockers (33-8), cont'd Reid Silva inquired whether use of existing system, which was approved and installed 40 years ago and never used, could be used for a planned four-bedroom dwelling on the property. The Board noted that the status of the system in this instance, with no as-built letter or plan on file, with conditions of approval not fully met, and for which a certificate of compliance was never issued, is unclear at this time. The Board asked Marina Lent to confer with town counsel as to the status of the existing system, in particular, whether it entitles the owner to use of the existing system or an upgrade, as the case may be.

5 Middle Coomb (16-17.2) Reid Silva presented a revised plan in which relocation of the septic leach field will have the septic line cross the waterline due to tank/pump relocation in new proposed plan, and there will be 6”dia schd 40 PVC sleeve 10’ to both sides of waterline crossing. The plan does not require variances and was **approved** by the Board.

Tower Lane (13-18) Marina Lent conveyed a request for extension of T5 inspections done in July 2020 for an August 2022 closing on the property. The property has not been inhabited in

the intervening years. The realtor at Wallace MV is asking whether the inspections can be extended for one month. T5 specifies s&t inspection “at or within two years prior to tx of title,” with 3 years allowed with yearly pumping records, which obviously did not happen. The Board noted that, in order to extend the 2020 inspections, the Board would need confirmation that the property has not been occupied for any of the intervening time.

Greene 4 Spud Row (10-2) emergency replacement well same location as existing, no variances, approved out-of-session.

Old Business

- Squibnocket Sign has been sent to printer. BOH decided to purchase 5 signs
- Mosquito Spray exemption and action plan was approved by the Chilmark Selectboard and will be sent to the State for adoption.
- Marina Lent reported on a DEP meeting with the Chilmark School and Superintendent regarding PWS non-compliance notices. The State stressed that at no time was the water found unsafe to drink when children were present in the school, and the meeting reached agreement on mediation and enforcement.
- Marina Lent reported on efforts with Island Health Care to make progress on 33 North Road sanitary code compliance. She will arrange for a dumpster at the property to achieve compliance with the code.
- The Board expressed satisfaction with progress made in developing ways to address racism and bullying in recreational camps for children, and noted that the report produced by the CCC CTAC is very encouraging.

Items not anticipated by the Board at the time of Posting: The Board addressed the perennial problem of trash at town beaches, which is particularly acute at Menemsha Beach and throughout Basin Road and beyond. Jan Buhrman noted that the goal of the Board is to get greater acceptance from the public for the concept of “carry in/carry home,” and offered to continue working with the Beach Department on this goal. The Board noted that, in Menemsha, the problem is not limited to what people bring in with them to the beach, but includes carry-out food from food establishments as well as boat trash. Many businesses along Basin Road find themselves heavily burdened with trash not originating at their establishments, and there are differing opinions within the town as to how the problem of trash should be addressed. The Board wants to address the issue more forcefully, including with signs around Menemsha, reminding the public to “Keep Menemsha Clean.” Jan offered to write up a more comprehensive trash management plan for the Board’s consideration at its next meeting.

The Board noted that the Town will undertake a review and remodeling of the Bath House on Basin Road, and considers that Board of Health involvement in this discussion would be appropriate.