

# CHILMARK BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes

February 3, 2021, 5pm

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### **Miller, Middle Coomb (16-17.2) Cody Coutinho, VLS**

The Board reviewed a construction permit renewal application for a septic system on a 3+ acre property, proposed 6-bedroom system to serve a proposed 6-bedroom house. Soils med sand at 42". Engineer will approve soils prior to backfilling. The plan does not require variances and was **approved** by the Board.

### **12 North Slope Road (20-42) Cody Coutinho, VLS**

The Board reviewed a proposed six-bedroom system to serve a proposed 6-bedroom house on a 3-acre lot served by an existing well. Soils are sandy, with no variances required. The Board **approved** the proposed plan, contingent on soil confirmation in the new proposed leach field location.

### **54 Post Oak Road (11-28.10) Cody Coutinho, VLS**

Proposed septic system for existing 4-bedroom house with future 2-bedroom addition and one-bedroom pool house, for a total of 7 bedrooms. Lot is 4.4 acres. soil TH2 med sand at 48". An additional tank will be installed to accommodate the 7th bedroom. The proposed system requires no variances and was **approved** by the Board, who stipulated that soils must be confirmed prior to placement of any system components.

### **21 East Lane (32-66 & 67) Cody Coutinho, VLS**

The Board reviewed a revision of a previously-approved proposed septic system upgrade for a 5-bedroom system with pump chamber on a 3.82 acre lot serving a proposed 5-bedroom house. The existing tank will be removed, and existing pit will be abandoned and filled, and existing well and well house will be abandoned. 5' ex- and fill around leach field, as well as a geomembrane is proposed. The

leachfield is located on a steep slope, with the high capacity leaching chamber bed along the contour of the slope, with clean sand to be compacted in 6” lifts. Test holes are located in the location of the proposed leach field. the leach field is 212’ from the mean high water mark of the Atlantic Ocean. The proposed revision moves the tank location, but does not affect previously-approved variances. The Board **approved** the revised plan.

### **BOH Requirements:**

The Board reviewed proposed minimum administrative requirements for the position of administrative assistant during the remainder of the COVID pandemic. These requirements are to be accomplished in a minimum of 5 hours per week or more as needed.

### **COVID CARES Act funding**

The Board approved the use of Chilmark CARES Act funding to support ramped-up contact tracing capacity for island response to COVID19 disease transmission.

### **Spector Well questions**

The Board noted that BOH Regulations require that a lot has capacity for no more than four bedrooms per acre, and needs sufficient (dry) land area for an adequately-sized septic system, a drinking water source (which on rare occasions where access to water is not available to serve a pre-existing dwelling, may be located on another lot and accessible via an easement), and meet separation requirements as determined by State and Local health and environmental regulations. The Board noted that, under State and BOH regulations, the number of bedrooms on a lot is limited by the suitable land area. The Board will consider consulting with town counsel regarding its options for addressing concerns regarding number of bedrooms on a particular lot.