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

**Minutes**

**July 5, 2023**

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

**Chilmark Town Hall**

1. **Middle Road**

**Present:** Katherine L. Carroll, Matthew Poole, Anna McCaffrey, Deborah Hancock, Joe Mulinare, Kate Shands, Judie Flanders, Graeme Flanders, Dan Karnovsky, Derry Noyes Craig, Greg Craig, Maggie Craig, Matt Parker, Michael McManamy, Melissa Ruttan, Eric Glasgow Amy Weinberg, Mara Flanagan, Seth Woods.

**Absent:** Jan Buhrman

**June 21, 2023 Draft Minutes were approved**

**Board of Health Representative is needed for Squibnocket Pond Committee –** The topic will be discussed at our next meeting

**140 State Rd. (33-17)** (VLS)– The proposed septic system tie-in with a new 1500 gallon septic tank for a proposed detached bedroom was approved by the Board.

**Continued Public Hearing Quitsa Nominee Trust, Off Chockers Lane (33-8)**(VLS), The chairperson Katherine Carroll read a recently received letter from the legal counsel (on file), which stated that the Board does not have the authority to grant the variance beyond 200 feet in a Coastal district. Reid Silva requested to withdraw the application on behalf of the applicant, and the Board accepted it. Matt Poole and Katie Carroll agreed that the most crucial question on how the Town of Chilmark is the only island town, which has 200 feet limit on septic to septic separation in the inland Zone of the coastal district, remained unanswered in the letter. Matt Poole added that although other island towns also adopted the DCPC regulations, they modified the initial distances outlined in the regulations without setting a minimum distance.

**300 North Rd. (13-4) Title 5 Inspection – Needs further evaluation by the Local Approving Authority**.

Matt Parker and George Sourati presented the recent Title 5 Inspection findings to the Board, which were:

* The distribution box will need replacement due to cracking and calcification of cement
* The left leaching trench was found open, with the effluent going into the wetlands

The Health Inspector/Administrator is to write the letter to repair the outlined findings within 90 days. George Sourati will respond on how the above conditions are to be repaired. The Board advised replacing the D box, capping the line, and putting adequate cover over the exposed trench. The engineer is to follow up with the disposal works application with the outlined solutions, which the BOH Inspector/Administrator will sign.

Matt Parker is to fill out the Septic Installer’s application before the work is done.

**24 Blacksmith Valley Rd. (35-32) & 34 Blacksmith Valley Rd. (35-38) \***one owner –The Request to allow well tap-in from 34 Blacksmith Valley Rd. to 24 Blacksmith Valley Rd. The Board requested more information on whether this request will be a temporary solution. If it is, and 34 Blacksmith is out of the water, the Board agreed to approve the request. If it is permanent, the Board would like to revisit this request upon receiving an easement for the property.

**17 Blacksmith Valley Rd. (33-43) –**The Board approved the request to extend a septic system construction permit dated 12/16/2023 until 12/16/2024—the owner it to provide a written note requesting the extension.

**Homeport Restaurant –**The Boardrequested a follow-up conversation with the owner on two occasions when substances emitted from the maintenance holes and the side of the stonewall. While Eco Lab adjusted the SUDS concentration, the water addressed the issue with the soap coming out of the maintenance holes, and the problem with the water coming out of the stonewall intermittently continued. After talking to Matt Parker, Reid Silva agreed it could be a recirculation pump issue from a FAST unit, which most likely stems from a broken line under the deck. Seth Woods intends to have Adrian Higgins come to expose the area next to the stonewall to look for a damaged pipe. It was also decided to keep the treatment unit/breaker on the pump chamber off until the issue is resolved.

**Beetlebung Farm food items addition with production off- site –**MaraFlanagan presented a plan for the production of value-added food items with production off-site to sell at the farm stand. It included two salad dressings, two dips, and quick refrigerator veggie pickles. Beetlebung Farm intends to use Martha’s Vineyard Public Charter School kitchen from July 2023 through October 2023 until their kitchen is finished. The letter of support from Peter Steedman, MVPCS, allowing using the kitchen on the weekends, is on file. The product will be sold in glass jars with screw-on lids and temper-resistant lollypop labels. Matt Poole expressed that having the airtight lid, which potentially creates an anaerobic environment, makes the production of these items a specialized process, which might require a variance and a HACCP plan. The Board decided that the input of our food inspector Drew Belsky on this would be beneficial. The Health Administrator will schedule a meeting with the farm to review the pickling process and the HACCP plan. If the airtight lid changes to no gasket, the lid conversation would be different. The Board requested to show the samples of labeling and containers and allowed to proceed with dip production, as it has the peel-off lid.

**Grey Barn Coffee Trailer Plan review –**The proposal to serve drip, iced, and espresso coffee. The trailer has small onboard refrigeration. The trailer will stay on the Grey Barn farm property and will not be used when the weather gets cold, as it is not winterized. The Board requested confirmation of this in writing. The water supply will come from a dedicated hose from the creamery next door and goes through the onward filter. Matt Poole asked to make sure that the hose is food graded. The mobile unit also has a potable water-holding tank inside and a grey water bin underneath to dispose of it elsewhere. Matt Poole voiced a concern that bucketing wastewater is subject to human ability and, over time, is proven to vary and far from ideal. Matt suggested putting a hydrant into the wastewater system. The bathrooms at the creamery and the farm stand are supported by the small septic in between. Matt suggested using the closest manhole or the floor drain access as a potential solution for the wastewater of the trailer. The Board approved the bucketing method as a temporary solution for the duration of 2023 but advised to return with a better solution for wastewater disposal. Matt offered to schedule a date next week to visit the farm to assist Eric with the long-term solution. The Board**approved**the plan review application.

Matt Poole and Katie Carroll touched on the evolving nature of the establishment and the need to have a better idea of what direction things are going, as well as the updated menu. The base of this concern arose from multiple occasions of events on the farm property with consumption on site, which establishment was not permitted. The most recent event occurred on 06/21/23. The Board pointed out that BYO was present in a recent advertisement, which gives customers the option to linger. Per Eric Glasgow, all meals advertised were for take away, and the consumption on-site was not the intention. He will reconsider the way to-go meals are advertised. The Board was okay with to-go meals. The Zoning aspect of this will be addressed by the zoning officer separately. **Eric Glasgow will provide the detailed menu and the production plans of the establishment for the remainder of the year.**

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**Updates & FYI:**

* 5 Ocean View Farm (25-109) – Title 5 Inspection – Fail – 90 days, letter
* 2 Rockrose Path (18-121) – Title 5 Inspection – Pass
* New Program in town: Surf Camp got cancelled

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

* The Board received a request to weigh in on talk/discussion about killing the poison ivy and weeds on the Community Center Courts. In the years past, when Eddie Stahl has worked on the courts, he has always weeded everything by hand with the good awareness that there is a public source nearby. Mollie Doyle raised a concern that new CTAC leadership should be aware that no herbicides, pesticides, or amendments can be used. The Board advised the Health Inspector to reach out to Water System Operator on “dos” & “don’ts” in the Zone.
* The Office received an anonymous complaint from the town resident about the old motors, debris, mechanical pieces, and a whole bunch of old boat equipment at 4 Larsen Ln. (27.1-42). As there is no ruling against the messy yard in Chilmark Regulations, the Board advised the Health Inspector to drive by the property to get a better picture.

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