

BOH Minutes Mar 20 2019

Chilmark Board of Health

Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Chilmark Town Hall

5:00 pm

Present: Katie Carroll, Matt Poole

Absent: Jan Buhrman

Also Present: Cody Coutinho (VLS), Alison Manning & David White (The Yard), Chris Alley (SBH), Kent Healy

Minutes of February 20th and March 6th 2019 approved

Hungerford, 51 North Slope Lane (20-46.5) The Board reviewed renovation plans which would add one bedroom to a two-bedroom house. Since the permit for the existing system, which has three-bedroom capacity, was approved only for two bedrooms, the Board asked that the design engineer, Doug Dowling, be approached to signal his approval of using this system to serve three bedrooms.

Mason, 20 Henry Hough Lane, (25-23) The Board considered an inquiry on installation of incinolet in a utility shed. The Board asked for an application and assurance of proper installation by a licensed electrician, inspection by the electrical inspector, and venting installed according to the guidelines provided by Barnstable County.
<https://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org/resources/publications/compendium-of-information-on-alternative-onsite-septic-system-technology/incinerating-toilets>

17:30 Public Hearing

Vila/Barrett 183 State Road (33-115) The Board reviewed a proposed septic greywater tie-in to a garage in light of the new town Zoning for accessory apartments. The Board read into the record correspondence received from abutter Lois Tukman (5 Red Valley Road) opposing the proposed plan. The Board noted that this same plan has been previously denied, and that the very sound reasons for that denial, relating directly to the challenging nature of this property, still stand. Neither of the existing septic systems on this property is fully compliant, there are already two fully-habitable structures on the property, and the barn is new construction and has never had a wastewater connection. The Board **denied** the proposed greywater tie-in, and asked Chris Alley to convey the reasons for the denial to the owners, and instructed Marina Lent to write a letter to the file recording the denial.

Copenhaver, 6 Church Pasture Way (19-28) Chris Alley came before the Board to discuss a proposed guest house. He noted that a seven-bedroom system is already installed and currently serves the five-bedroom house. In order to demonstrate two systems in full compliance, he suggested that he could separate the existing field, and install an additional tank and d-box to serve the proposed guest house. He would then like to propose a tie-in to serve the proposed guest house. The Board felt that this would fulfill requirements, but suggested that it would be desirable to have the system inspected at this time.

Benham, Windy Gates (30-106.1) The Board felt that the enclosed living room does qualify as a bedroom under Title 5, but that the existing septic system can accommodate the proposed home renovation .

Siegel, 30 Osprey Lane (25-121) The Board confirmed its conditions of approval and testing requirements for the I/A system at this property.

The Yard, The Board heard an update on the property and received an updated plan showing changes discussed at the last meeting. However, the MV Commission (MVC) has not come down with a decision on this property, so the Board will hold off on final approval of the proposed septic system until conditions of MVC approval are known.

Wheeler, 33 High Mark (26-77) Reid Silva presented a septic plan revision which does not require variances and was **approved** by the Board.

Maloney 245 North Rd, (13-8) The Board noted a request for a permit extension. However, the permit had not been approved in the first place. The Board also noted that a bedroom count was required as a condition of approval, and that a deed restriction was to have been filed with the Registrar specifying that the existing guest house is to be converted into an office space and cannot be used for sleeping. The Board asked Marina Lent to confirm that the deed restriction has been filed and to conduct a bedroom count at the property.

Chilmark Store, 7 State Road (30-85) Kent Healy came to the Board to discuss plans for the septic system repair at the Chilmark Store and to ask permission to begin exploratory digging at the site to determine details about the system that cannot be determined from the existing plan. The Board provided a list of questions it will want answered prior to being able to approve the repair permit for this innovative system.

Chilmark Community Center/Library (30-93) Kent Healy reminded the Board that the leaching field serving the CCC and Library is already close to the limits of its capacity and that caution is advised with public events which could require large increases in flow.

Public Hearing

BOH Septic System Regulation revision

The Board **adopted** the proposed amendment to its septic system regulations which specifies that owners of Innovative/Alternative systems are to send a copy of their O&M Report and any inspection and maintenance conducted for the system to the BOH office and to the I/A maintenance program in Barnstable County for follow-up.

The meeting adjourned at 19:10 hours.

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A recording of this meeting is on file at the Board of Health office and available for on-site review.