

Chilmark Board of Health

Minutes

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Chilmark Town Hall

5:00 pm

Present: Katie Carroll, Matt Poole, Jan Buhrman

Also Present: Doug Cooper, Sean O'Sullivan, Reid Silva,

Minutes of October 16, 2019

Work Plan for Health Department 2020 Katie Carroll reported that she has nearly completed the performance evaluation for 2019. The Board felt it would benefit from having reasonable time to review the future workplan of the department by preparing to do so for at least a half hour at the outset of the next scheduled meeting, and asked Marina to prepare the December 18 meeting agenda accordingly.

Public Hearing 17:35

Glazer, 100 Beach Plum Lane (21-78) Reid Silva presented a septic system upgrade plan for a complex property involving four structures with a total of four bedrooms currently, on a property capable of supporting a maximum of eight bedrooms. The upgrade is for a total of five bedrooms, and will require the following variance from Chilmark BOH Regulations: the required separation between one leaching field and the next is reduced from 300' to 255'.

It is not entirely clear at this point which structure will have how many bedrooms. The current plan envisions a four-bedroom house and one-bedroom guest house, with the office to be deed restricted to not be used as sleeping space, and the one-bedroom bunkhouse to be removed. The Board **approved** the proposed plan, on the condition that the plan be revised to show details of the pump system and specifications, and a copy of the deed restriction filed with the Registrar is provided for the file. Should the allocation of bedrooms change from what is reflected in the approved plan, the Board needs to review the proposed changes.

Public Hearing 18:00

Dengler, 12 South Road (6-5) Doug Cooper presented a septic system upgrade plan for an existing house with a failed cesspool. The proposed upgrade will require variances from DEP requirements to reduce the minimum separation from the locus well to the leaching bed from 100' to 60', and reduced separations from Chilmark BOH regulations: well to septic from 150' to 60', separation to property line from 30' to 15' for two abutting properties. All registered mail notifications to abutters have been received, and Marina Lent confirmed that the office has not been contacted regarding the proposed variances. The Board asked that the Estate should be notified of the plans, that the proposed upgrade is an improvement over the existing system, and **approved** the proposed upgrade.

Petlin, 119 South Road unit #3 (11-34) Reid Silva presented a septic system upgrade plan for an existing two-bedroom dwelling shown on the plan as Unit 3. The property is owned in common by three families, and buildings belonging to each separate owner will be served by separate septic systems. The system shown for unit 3 does not require variances, has three-bedroom capacity and was **approved** by the Board.

Simon, 119 South Road unit # 2 (11-34) Reid Silva presented a septic system upgrade plan for an existing three-bedroom dwelling shown on the plan as Unit 2. The property is owned in common by three families, and buildings belonging to each separate owner will be served by separate septic systems. The system shown for unit 2 does not require variances and was **approved** by the Board.

Alex Kisselgof, Acupuncture The Board took note of a request from ZBA for a letter from BOH regarding a proposed acupuncture practice at 1 Swan's Way. The Board took note of a letter submitted by the applicant, detailing proper licensure and practices. The Board is not responsible for licensing or inspecting acupuncture practices, and further felt that a small-scale practice such as that proposed in the letter can be accommodated within the capacity of the existing septic system. The Board asked Marina Lent to write a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals indicating its approval of the proposed practice at the site.

Bezanson, 35 Chockers Lane (33-9) The Board reviewed a replacement well application which requires a variance to the property line from the 30' required by Chilmark BOH regulations. The Board noted that the replacement well shall be installed in the immediate vicinity of the existing well, and **approved** the permit. The existing well is to be abandoned in accordance with DEP Private Well Guidelines.

Jacobs, 21 Mayhew Lane (20-1 & 2) The Board reviewed a replacement well permit application prepared by John Clarke which requires a variance from the property line. The Board noted that the variance is warranted in that the location is the only one where water has been found in the past, and that it will be in immediate proximity to the existing well, which must be properly abandoned once the replacement well is established. The Board **approved** the plan, and asked that the exact separation of the replacement well must be noted on the plan when it is installed.

Public Health impacts of Climate Change for Chilmark: The Board noted receipt of an invitation from Selectman Jim Malkin, who is the Chair of a newly-formed committee examining adaptation options for Chilmark. The Committee has requested all Town Boards, Committees and Commissions to provide inputs and insights on this matter. The Board reviewed notes on the topic prepared by Marina Lent. The Board will identify areas in which it feels climate change may impact its work in the decades to come.

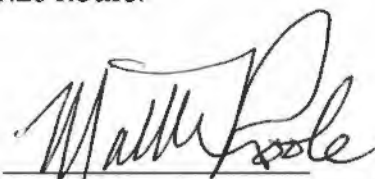
Invoices: The following invoices were approved for payment

- IHC public nursing September 2019 \$ 800.87
- MVRD SEMASS \$ 1

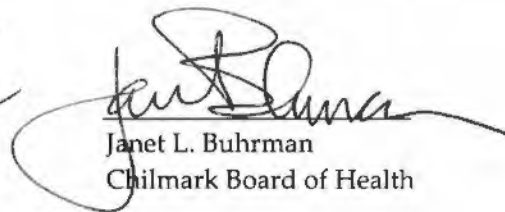
The meeting adjourned at 18:20 hours.



Katherine L. Carroll, Chair
Chilmark Board of Health



Matthew Poole
Chilmark Board of Health



Janet L. Buhrman
Chilmark Board of Health

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