

CHILMARK BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

April 6, 2022

5 pm

via zoom

Present: Katie Carroll, Matt Poole Jan Buhrman, Celena Guimaraes, Alexis Babaian, Reid Silva, Bob Nixon, Colin Ruel, Barbara Armstrong, Margaret Maida, Robert Nixon

Draft Minutes, March 9 & 16, 2022 approved

Application for Installer Permit The Board reviewed an installer permit submitted by Oscar M. Hansen Hansen Excavation, a new septic system installer. Matt Poole noted that, as a brand new installer, the Board will review prospective installations on a case-by-case basis, and asked if Reid Silva would be willing to provide guidance on upcoming VLS-designed installations as needed.

Larsen, 13 Wampum Way (11-74) The Board reviewed a proposed tie-in of a barn/garage with a possible bedroom space to a five bedroom system serving a four-bedroom house, as confirmed by bedroom count on file. The Board **approved** the proposed plan, however noted that the proposed “bedroom” appears to be larger than the 400sf allowed by zoning, and asked Marina Lent to notify the zoning authorities.

Brickyard Road (9-2.1) The Board **approved** a proposed well which will serve a separate house on the property.

Farrow, 11 Lookout Place (18-9) The Board **approved** a well permit application to moving the well from AP 18-10 to locus property.

56 North Abel’s Hill Road (18-84) The Board reviewed a proposed two-bedroom septic for proposed two bedroom guest house, and noted that, if the design flow were to be below three bedrooms, a variance would have to be issued. The Board **approved** the proposed plan, pending receipt of a revised plan showing three-bedroom flow capacity for the proposed system.

Squibnocket Signs on herbicide/pesticide prohibition The Board asked Celena Guimaraes to work on a number of designs for the sign, according to a draft design produced by Katie Carroll, asked Marina Lent to confirm a location with Zoning Enforcement Officer Lenny Jason as close to encompassing all residents of the Squibnocket District as possible, and asked Marina Lent to prepare a mailing to Squibnocket District residents and their caretakers to mail out at the beginning of the summer 2022 season.

5:47 pm Public Hearing cont'd

The Bite, Basin Road: The Board took up consideration of plans to reopen the Bite for the summer season in two separate parts, review of the proposed septic system and the final Food Establishment Plan Review.

Reid Silva presented a final proposed plan with small changes from the plan last considered by the Board. The Board noted that the septic system serving the Bite shall proceed in two phases, with the first phase having the tank and grease trap operating as “tight tanks,” thereby allowing flow requirements under “real life” conditions to be determined. Once the water requirements of the facility have been determined, the leaching system can be re-considered for installation for the next season.

The Board approved phase one of the septic system construction, with the following conditions:

- A barrier shall be installed between system and Menemsha Water Company line at Basin Road;
- Menemsha Water Company Line shall be located at excavation, unless this would require tearing up the pavement, and a plan provided for the file showing location;
- Tank in parking area to be H2O construction with steel covers;
- incoming water to be metered DAILY in a log to determine max daily flow;
- pumpout gallons to be metered throughout the summer (monitor the flow meter on the truck during pumping process, don't rely on gallon-report from EWWT);
- Show float-height for alarm in tank on the revised plan.

The Board asked Reid Silva to write a letter for the file, detailing the requirements for phase one construction.

The Board then conducted the Food Establishment Plan review for the Bite. Robert Nixon presented the to-scale plan requested by the Board at its last meeting, and described materials (FRP) to be used for the wall, floors to be solid linoleum with coved edges, and ceiling sheetrock with glossy paint. The Board noted that ceiling beams should also be painted, to render them more easily cleanable.

The Board noted that space for air-drying by the three-bay sink should be provided, and suggested that a site-built countertop would significantly reduce flexibility in the space, with a stainless steel table on wheels probably a more practical solution. Jan Buhrman had suggestions for the location of the point-of-sale that could facilitate flow and ease of access for customers. The facility will require self-closing screen doors.

The storage area in the back, will accessible from the outside, and will include a mop sink. The Board noted that the entrance to this space must be rendered rodent-proof.

Upon being invited to speak, abutter Barbara Armstrong expressed concern that the reopening of the Bite will bring renewed issues with skunks, who are attracted to any food scraps dropped by customers. The Board noted that a food-sweep will have to be conducted in the evenings as part of the closing protocol, making the area less attractive to scavengers.

The Board **approved** the plan in concept, with the following conditions which must be met prior to an operating permit being issued:

- a pest control plan and contract must be on file with the office
- waste removal storage and removal plan to be provided, showing location and frequency
- daily cleaning protocol for the site to be provided, including the surrounding area
- a final interior plan shall be submitted, showing:
 - o drying rack
 - o sink locations
 - o POS location
 - o Free-standing instead of site-built prep table.

The to-scale plan shall be updated and submitted, and the Board will make the final determination on issuance of the food permit following the pre-operation inspection when construction is complete.

Seward, 69 Cobbs Hill Road (11-25.3) The Board asked Marina Lent to determine whether there is a guest house on the property and whether the proposed pool house provides for privacy, before approving the proposed tie-in of the pool house. The Board also noted that a pressure test should be conducted because the proposed sewer line is laid above across the existing waterline.

Retail Seafood Dealer Permit for Seafood Collaborative

The Board noted that the question of whether the Collaborative can operate a retail truck out of the facility on Basin Road rests with the Park and Recreation Committee, and is not a decision for the Board of Health.

Town Hall construction and test/mask distribution

The Board welcomed the offer from the Chilmark Library to have tests and masks available for distribution in their lobby entrance during the summer when public parking will be very constrained at town hall due to construction of the Fire Station and Emergency Services building, and decided to continue to distribute from Town Hall as well.

Items not anticipated at the time of posting:

North Tabor Farm Retail Store: The Board asked Marina Lent why and when a retail store permit had been issued to the North Tabor farm stand. Marina Lent stated that this had been done a number of years ago, when all farm stands selling products other than uncut fruits and vegetables, unpasteurized honey and eggs were duly inspected and issued a retail store permit, which is renewed annually. She also took the opportunity to inform the Board that the office has been approached regarding the possibility of permitting a simple processing kitchen on the farm to preserve and create added value from farm produce, and that a Food Plan Review for this proposal may be ready for Board review as early as the April 20th Board meeting. The Board questioned whether the farm stand meets State requirements for a retail store on the property, and noted that the store has generated traffic in the neighborhood. The Board asked Marina Lent to request that Zoning Enforcement Officer Lenny Jason look into whether conditions for the exemption from zoning requirements are met by this establishment.