

CHILMARK BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

April 7, 2021

5pm

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Present: Katie Carroll, Matt Poole, Jan Buhrman

Also Present: Kathy Teal, Mike Hugo, Cody Countinho (VLS), George Sourati, Chris Alley

Minutes of March 17, 2021 were approved pending addition of names of persons present

Chilmark Flea, summer 2021: Kathy Teal presented plans for the Chilmark Flea Market this summer, essentially based on plans developed, but never put in place, last summer. The plans this year are adjusted to match the Mass DPH outdoor event guidelines of 3/22/2021. Booths will be 6' apart and staggered to prevent congregation. Numbers will be capped at 150 persons. The Board noted that mask compliance is important and that control of numbers of people is necessary, and wished the organizers a very successful summer.

State Action for Public Health Excellence (SAPHE): Mike Hugo, Government Affairs Liaison Mass. Association of Health Boards (MAHB), came before the Board to update the board on the process of the application, on behalf of island towns and Nantucket, for a grant under the SAPHE program. The grant would fund a total of three positions to provide professional expertise and services jointly to all towns on issues which the island health agents and staff have traditionally done in close collaboration with one another. It would enable hiring three positions, an environmental health specialist to address issues such as ticks, mosquitos, and coastal water quality; an inspector to be shared among all towns as the need arises for food establishments, beaches, housing, pools and camps, and a community health worker to address issues such as substance use disorder, hoarding disorder, mental and behavioral health in collaboration with existing island institutions and activities around these issues.

He noted that island health department staff would run the hiring process and would seek to find persons who are deeply island-connected. The Town of Nantucket has offered to administer the grant.

Beetlebung Road, LLC, 33 Beetlebung Rd, (20-34) George Sourati presented a revision to an **eight** bedroom septic system serving a seven bedroom House Plus One Bedroom Guesthouse. He noted that the previously-approved plan had a gravity feed to 1,500 gallon tank #2, but he felt that a pump system would be better suited. The proposed pool house is permitted as a guest house, and will have a small ejector tank, contributing less than 25% flow, not include a grinder, and will tie in to the sewer pipe to reduce velocity. It is dosed to pump 4x/day. Tank #1 is 2K gallons. The Board **approved** the revision.

2 Greenhouse Lane (33-178) Cody Coutinho presented a replacement well application submitted by Island Water Source on the basis of a Vineyard Land Surveying plan. The Board suggested a test hole to confirm that the proposed well location will not preclude building a replacement septic system when that time comes, and **approved** the plan contingent on workable soils at the location of a future septic system.

4 Peases Point Way (26-3) The Board reviewed and **approved** a replacement well application based on a plan by Kent Healy which does not require variances.

49 Wequobsque (30-113) Cody Coutinho presented a proposed 6-bedroom septic system to serve a proposed four-bedroom house with future one-bedroom addition and one-bedroom garage. The existing house is being torn down and the new one will be built at a greater distance from the eroding coastline, and the septic system will be further inland, served by a pump. The Board approved the plan, with the stipulation that the existing system must be fully removed, so it doesn't end up falling onto the beach below.

Middle Coomb (16-17.2) The Board reviewed septic system plan revision for a proposed 6 bedroom house prepared by VLS, which now shows the actual location and footprint of the house. An additional test hole in the proposed location of the leaching field will be conducted prior to installation. The Board **approved** the revised plan.

Meegan, 170R Middle Road (12-34.2) The Board reviewed a proposed tie in of the existing shop which is to be converted to 1 bedroom accessory apartment. The existing system has 7 bedroom capacity, which allows for the additional bedroom. The Board **approved** the plan contingent on receipt of a plan showing whether two compliant systems are possible on the property.

Accessory Apartments: the Board noted for the record that, while it would ideally be possible to show two systems in full compliance with Chilmark BOH separation requirements, in the case of accessory apartments, the Board will review such plans on a case-by-case basis.

0 Cencelle (19-56.3) Chris Alley presented a proposed Barn tie-in for the Barn at the property on Middle Road and Cencelle, to enable installing a half-bath in the barn, which is located far away from the dwelling. The Board approved the proposed plan, which does not require variances.

BOH records available to the public: the Board decided that recordings of meetings should be preserved and available for public review upon request, as has been the practice. Sadly, the video zoom recordings of the past year of meetings were not preserved by the town, and are thus not available. Marina Lent will ensure that future meetings are recorded on audio for the BOH archive.