

Chilmark Board of Health

Minutes

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Chilmark Town Hall

5:00 pm

Present: Katie Carroll, Matt Poole, Jan Buhrman

Also Present: Evelyn Dengler, Sean O'Sullivan, Hugh Wiseman, Reid Silva

Dengler, 12 South Road (6-5) Evelyn Dengler and neighbor Sean O'Sullivan come before the Board to discuss follow-up to Title 5 Inspection report. They reported efforts to address deficiencies in the septic system noted in the report. The system is deemed to have failed, and, despite efforts on the part of the resident to remedy the functioning of the system, (efforts which would have had to have been permitted and inspected by plumbing inspector, and were undertaken without a permit), photos provided show that the sides of the cesspool are deep black in the surcharge area, indicating longterm system failure. The inspection had been recommended by the Council on Aging, in hopes that the resident would be eligible for financial support. However, the resident felt that the property owner will not grant permission for the work to be done. The Board asked Marina Lent to look into the terms of any septic loan program funding available through the town.

Weisman, 31 Stonewall Road (32-57) Reid Silva asked the Board about conducting an out-of-season perc test at the property to complement the existing two in-season perc tests. Hugh Weisman presented planned renovations to determine details for the proposed septic upgrade. The Board noted the the proposed finished basement could be deed restricted to not be used for sleeping, and agreed to an out of season perc test.

Wiseman, 121 State Road (33-142) Reid Silva presented a septic plan revision for the upgrade to a failed system that, it is hoped, will not impinge on archeological features present on the property. The proposed upgrade also improves the waivers already approved by the Board, and was **approved**.

Brudnick, 73 Bijah's Way (7-12) Reid Silva presented a septic system construction permit application for a six-bedroom system: five bedrooms plus one cabana, which does not require variances and was **approved** by the Board.

Menton, 156 South Road (17-40) The Board reviewed a proposed septic system upgrade presented by Reid Silva for a three bedroom house. Home renovations will reduce the number of bedrooms in the house to two, and the shed will be converted into a third bedroom. The Board **approved** the proposed upgrade, contingent upon receipt of a renovation plan.

Fenner, 10 King's Highway (12-20) Reid Silva presented a well permit application which does not require variances and was **approved** by the Board.

PWS Operator Contract Following review of the two contract proposals submitted to the Board for the position of Public Water System Operator of the Chilmark Community Center and Library, the Board felt inclined to award the contract to Bennett Environmental, but asked Marina Lent to work with Town Administrator Tim Carroll to ensure that the funding has been secured by the entities served by the water system before finalizing the contract.

Mosquito control: Marina Lent reported that the State has made exemptions to avoid spraying on certified organic farms in the aerial spray operations being conducted off-Island. Jan Buhrman asked for further information about a local option and exemption for aerial spraying, for example, by farmers practicing a chemical-free approach but not certified organic.

Tick/Mosquito Repellent: The Board noted receipt of complaints regarding application of *OhDEER!* tick and mosquito repellent. Board members noted that the odor can be overpowering and asked Marina Lent to write a letter to the company to come before the Board at its meeting of September 18th to discuss options to mitigate this potential nuisance.

Nuisance complaint The Board reviewed a nuisance complaint regarding debris and machinery on the property and impinging on the neighbor's property at 16 Clambelly Road (7-32). The Board asked Marina Lent to bring the complaint to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals which will be doing a review of a request for a Special Permit, and noted that this would be a good time to address any changes which would reduce complaints in the area.

Elder at Risk The Board noted report from Chilmark PD regarding a possible elder at risk. The Board asked Marina Lent to follow up with Elder Services and the Council on Aging to see what could be done to offer assistance.

IWYC FY'20 Contract The Board approved the FY20 contract with MV Community Services Island Wide Youth Collaborative, under which children in need of services for drug or alcohol issues

Invoices: The Board approved the following invoices for payment:

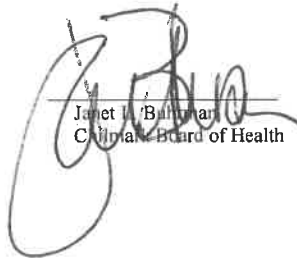
- MVRD landfill \$15
- Wampanoag Lab Beach tests \$90
- MHOA Labor Trafficking LBOH role
- MVRD municipal waste \$65
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The meeting adjourned at 20:20 hours.



Katherine L. Carroll, Chair
Chilmark Board of Health

Matthew Poole
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Janet M. Buhrman
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