

CHILMARK BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

August 5, 2020,
via zoom
5pm

Present:, Matt Poole, Jan Buhrman, Katie Carroll

Also Present: Robert Nixon,

Homeport Plumbing and Facility Review: Bob Nixon reported on the findings of his plumber who worked with plumbing inspector George Apostolides to generate a list of steps to be taken to bring the facility into full compliance with the plumbing code. As the list is significant in both size and cost, Mr. Nixon asked the Board to prioritize the items which need to be addressed as a matter of urgency, and which can be dealt with over time.

The Board noted that any leaks in the basement are an obvious priority, that installation of a mop sink in a food establishment is also a requirement for operation. As it seems at this time that the Homeport will not open during the 2020 summer season, the Board encouraged the facility owner to return with a written plan for remediation of the deficits and repairs needed at the facility, and warned that it is very important not to postpone progress on the facility to the point where time pressure impedes the important plan review which will be required for the facility to open under new management.

Yaffee Tabor House Road (13-7.3) The Board **approved** a well construction permit application which does not require variances.

Miller, Middle Coomb (16-17.2) The Board **approved** a well construction permit application which does not require variances.

DaRosa, 9 Swan's Way (11-69) The Board **approved** a detached bedroom tie-in prepared by George Sourati. The proposed detached bedroom is within the capacity of the existing septic system and does not require variances.

Hancock, 13 Quenames (11-71.1) The Board **approved** a septic system upgrade prepared by Chris Alley which would replace the leaching field serving an existing four-bedroom dwelling. The proposed upgrade does not require variances.

BOH appointments: The Board asked Marina Lent to check with the people listed to see if they are interested in reappointment.

- Site Review Committee: Jan Buhrman
- Land Bank Advisory Group: Lisa Randall

- MV Refuse District: Frank Fenner, Richard Osnoss
- VTA Advisory: Lenny Jason

MAHB \$ for August. The Board noted that funding for public health to assist during the COVID19 pandemic can be used for the COVID-related activities under the public nursing program, as well as for signs, cones and other equipment related to public safety and education during the pandemic.

Blue-green algae Marina Lent described reports of a possible blue-green algae bloom at the Chilmark Pond access points at South Abels Hill and the nearby Land Bank property. She reported that she has posted the DPH “no swimming” signs at these locations, and is in communication with the MV Commission staff working on water quality issues on MV.