**CH I L M A R K B O A R D O F H E A L T H**

**Minutes**

**May 19, 2021**

**5pm**

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**Present:** Katie Carroll, Jan Buhrman, Matt Poole, Warren Doty, Jim Malkin, Tim Carroll, Margaret Robinson, Jeremy Bradshaw, Hans Solmssen, Topher Solmssen, Andrew Solmssen, Martina Mastromonaco, Ebba Hierta, Joan Safford, Matthew Kaplan, Hugh Weisman, Ryan Rossi

**Menemsha Summer Season 2021:** The Board heard a recommendation from Selectman Jim Malkin to revert back to 2019 conditions for utilization of the full parking lot at Menemsha Beach, and to re-instate the VTA shuttle bus from the LDO overflow parking lot at the Chilmark Local Drop Off at Tabor House Road. The Board **approved** the recommendation.

**15 Doctor’s Creek Path (24-135)** The Board reviewed a request for revocation of septic system construction permit originally approved on for 15 Drs Creek Path. The request was presented by Joan Safford on behalf of a number of abutters of the property, many of whom were present at the meeting. The request for revocation was based on the claim that currently active wells were not shown on the approved plan for the septic system, and were therefore not granted the necessary variances from BoH Regulations. The Board asked Reid Silva to work with the abutters to identify any active wells within BOH separation requirements and to report back to the Board with findings on this matter.

**The Barn House 451 South Road (25-5)** The Board approved a tie-in to the existing septic system which had beeb originally approved in the upgrade plan in 1998, but had been tied in with a 2” line. Reid Silva requested a replacement of the 2” pipe with a 4” pipe leading via gravity to the septic tank. The Board **approved** the tie-in.

**Chilmark Road Race:** The Board discussed the August 2021 road race with organizer Hugh Weisman, and advised that, barring unforeseen COVID circumstances on Martha’s Vineyard at the time, the Board of Health will follow State guidelines for COVID precautions. The Board noted that mask wearing is mandatory on public and private transportation, and supported the race organizers’ plans to enforce these requirements.

**Chilmark Library Reopening Plan**: Ebba Hierta described the incremental reopening of the Chilmark Library, where indoor masking will remain mandatory, given that children under 12 remain unvaccinated. The Board thanked Ebba for her conscientious management of the Library during the challenges of the pandemic.

**Pre-School End of Year Celebration**: The Board noted that the proposed procedures for the pre-school graduation are appropriately cautious in dealing with an unvaccinated part of the population during a time of high disease transmission.

**Damroth, (11-54.4)** The Board **approved** a well construction permit prepared by David Damroth for an undeveloped lot.

**8 Tanglevine Road (25-55)** The Board requested that the applicant provide a plan of the proposed pool house in order to review the septic construction permit application.

**Chilmark Mask and Construction Orders:** The Board voted unanimously to **rescind** the Chilmark-specific mask and construction sector orders for precautions against COVID transmission. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Board will henceforth follow State guidelines.

**Menemsha Bath House (21-1)** The Board **approved** a much-needed emergency repair to the Menemsha Bath House septic system, where upon pumpout, pipes leading to the septic tank had been found to slope back towards the bath house, causing a backup. Doug Cooper will oversee the repair, which will be completed by Kane Araujo.

**Trash on private town beaches**: The Board discussed the issue of trash removal at Squibnocket and Lucy Vincent beaches, and noted that it is time that the town no longer provides trash removal at these beaches, instead opting for a “Carry In, Carry Home” policy, which is successfully practiced at other island beaches. Beach Superintendent Martina Mastromonaco noted that the beach department will still generate trash due to having to clean up trash left behind by beachgoers. Trash disposal will be provided for the department and made inaccessible to beachgoers.