

# CHILMARK BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes

October 21, 2020  
Chilmark Town Hall,  
4pm

**Present:** Katie Carroll, Matt Poole, Jan Buhrman,  
**Also Present:** Reid Silva, Chris Alley, Ali Flanders, Tim Carroll

**Steiner, 30 Cranberry Hill (20-24)** The Board reviewed a septic system plan showing two systems in full compliance prepared by Chris Alley, as well as a proposed plan adding an extra row of infiltrators to the existing leaching system to accommodate the additional proposed flow. The plumbing to hook up the pool house that will be converted to a guest house is already in place. A 2,000 gallon tank is also already in place to serve the existing number of bedrooms. A new d-box is planned. The Board **approved** the proposed plan.

**Goetz, 252 Middle Road (19-71)** Reid Silva presented a septic system upgrade plan for a house and guest house on the property currently served by a failed tank and pit. A new tank will provide a gravity feed to the proposed Presby system, and a pump chamber will connect the guest house to the leaching system. The Board noted that there is no increase in flow for this property, and required demonstration of Presby certification as a condition for **approval** of the proposed plan.

**Spector, 96 Squibnocket Farm Road (31-10)** Reid Silva held a preliminary discussion with the Board regarding a proposed upgrade serving an existing dwelling currently served by an older three-bedroom system. The Board noted that the existing well on the property has been abandoned in favor of a well located on an abutting property under the same ownership as the house lot. Perc tests, including archeological review, and a bedroom count will be required prior to submission of a proposed septic plan in this sensitive area.

**Chilmark Chocolates at Deli** Alison Flanders presented a plan to the Board for the sale of chocolates at the Menemsha Deli over the holiday season. The plan is to pre-pack assorted chocolate-boxes for sale of at the Chilmark Chocolates kitchen where they are manufactured. Only one customer at a time would be allowed inside the Deli, and the take-out window would also be used. Drawing on experience at the Farmer's Market over the summer, Alison noted that line- and crowd-control is the challenge to focus on. The Board stressed mask and distancing requirements, approved the proposal in principle, pending a successful facility and retail inspection by Marina Lent.

**Chilmark Town de-briefing:** The Board asked Marina to create a listing of town-specific COVID responses during the 2020 summer season in preparation for a town-wide review of plans for 2021. These can be sent out to town officials after the next scheduled meeting of the

Board on November 4th. The Board noted that porta-potties at the beaches during the summer season, including in Menemsha, are not a Health Department responsibility. The Board is responsible for ensuring that there is a porta-potty available on Basin Road after water to the Bath House is shut down.

**Update on schools** Matt Poole reported on efforts of a School Testing Task Force to organize a testing program for the schools. He noted that Dr. Mike Stoto of Georgetown University will address the task force next Wednesday regarding parameters for a testing program at the schools. This process will not move as quickly as many would have liked, given that school is already in session, according to Matt Poole, who also noted that he is working with IHC to inform the public about the decision to redesign the planned testing program for the schools.

**Flu vaccination clinic:** Matt Poole reported that there will be a public health flu clinic scheduled for November 7th at the test site in the PAC center parking lot. The clinic will be run as a drill for a mass-dispensing event, in preparation for administration of COVID19 vaccine, which will in all likelihood take place some time in 2021. The Hospital is collaborating with public health and will provide vaccine and some clinical staffing. Health Agents are actively seeking volunteers to manage the November 7th clinic and to prepare for future COVID vaccination clinics.

**Blue-Green Algae blooms** Matt Poole reported on a zoom-webinar organized by island groups involved in water quality, pond management and shellfish propagation on the island. The meeting featured a presentation by Dr. Christopher Gobler, Endowed Chair of Coastal Ecology and Conservation Stony Brook University. The Board asked Marina Lent to see if it is possible to obtain the ppt presentation and recording of this important meeting.

**BOH Agenda** The Board stated that the agenda for the upcoming meetings of the Board will be CLOSED at noon on Friday when the agenda is submitted for posting, and that only matters of significant urgency, unforeseen at the time of posting, shall be entertained by the Board in addition to the item posted on Friday.