

# Chilmark Board of Health

## Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2019  
Chilmark Town Hall  
5:00 pm

**Present:** Katie Carroll, Matt Poole,

**Absent:** Jan Buhrman

**Also Present:** Reid Silva (Vineyard Land Surveying)

**Minutes** of September 4 and 18, 2019 were approved.

**Beetlebung LLC, Beetlebung Road (20-34&35)** The Board reviewed a revised plan provided by George Sourati, but noted that the plan did not show data from the soil test holes that are located where the proposed leaching field will be placed, and also wished to discuss details of the plan with George, who was not able to attend the meeting. The Board requested a revised plan showing soil data for the leachfield location test holes, and to add a note to the plan that the engineer is to inspect soils in the leachfield prior to backfilling.

**Glazer, 100 Beach Plum Ln (21-78)** Reid Silva presented a proposed septic upgrade for discussion, along with a bedroom count recently conducted by Marina Lent. The plan presumes adjustment of bedroom locations among structures on the property and requires a variance from Chilmark BOH separation requirements, so a public hearing will be necessary. The hearing is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30pm.

**Wilgram, 137 Quansoo Road (22-8)** Reid Silva presented for discussion a four-bedroom septic upgrade plan. He noted that the 2003 infiltrator system, though approved and built for three bedrooms is large enough to support four under today's calculation rates. He asked whether it would be necessary to move the infiltrator field to accommodate Chilmark BOH separation requirements, since the property has suffered some erosion. The Board felt that moving the infiltrator field would cause disruption detrimental to this fragile environment, which is in a flood zone.

**Lucy Vincent Beach** The Board discussed the difficulty of having trash piling up in the parking lot at Lucy Vincent Beach in the off-season and reviewed citizen complaints and documentation provided by Board member Jan Buhrman regarding the perennial problem of trash in the LVB parking lot. Trash, consisting mostly of dog poop in plastic bags and ocean-borne plastic debris in the wrack-line, is deposited by beach combers on top of the dumpster, or, when the dumpster is removed, in the general vicinity where the dumpster used to be.

The Board felt that having a dumpster on the beach, even when it is locked to prevent dumping of household trash, invites trash disposal at the location. The Board has had constructive conversations with the Beach Committee, which bears the primary responsibility for the maintenance of the town's beaches, and looks forward to assisting the Beach Committee in this matter.

The Board would like to recommend a "carry-in, carry-out" policy, accompanied by explicit signage encouraging the community to self-police, and asked Marina Lent to write a letter to the Beach Committee, cc'd to the Selectmen, outlining its views. In the meantime, for the upcoming winter and early spring, the Board would like to offer to fund occasional trash disposal from the LVB parking lot once or twice per month.

**Homeport Inspection** Marina Lent presented results of her facility inspection and asked the Board for guidance on how to proceed. The Board made amendments to the letter accompanying the report and asked to be kept up-to-date on follow-up.

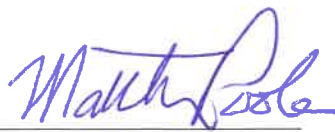
**Invoices:** The following invoices were approved for payment:

- MVRD town hall junk disposal \$154.28
- MHOA Annual Meeting \$871.44 (could split cost with MRC?)
- MVRD Q2 Drop-Off Contract FY20 \$8,247.43

The meeting adjourned at 18:42 hours.



Katherine L. Carroll, Chair  
Chilmark Board of Health



Matthew Poole  
Chilmark Board of Health

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Janet L. Buhrman  
Chilmark Board of Health

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