

CHILMARK BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

September 15, 2021

5pm

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Present: Katie Carroll, Jan Buhrman, Matt Poole, Chris Alley, Reid Silva

Seven Gates 50 Beach Road (2-2) The Board **approved** a well construction permit application which does not require variances.

Gaeta, Wintergreen (18-25.1) The Board **approved** a well construction permit application which does not require variances.

Steiner 30 Cranberry Hill Road (20-24) Chris Alley requested an expansion of flow for a house with a pool house that was approved as a detached bedroom a few years ago when a full bath was added to the pool house. The septic design has a 2,000 gallon tank. Now an additional room is contemplated for the breezeway between two parts of the house which will be used as an office. The septic system is not yet installed and Chris Alley asked the board if an additional row of infiltrators could be added to accommodate the proposed office space. The Board noted that the property easily supports the proposed nine bedrooms and **approved** the revised permit application.

Stone, 29 Young's Way (29-22) Reid Silva presented a septic plan for 4 bedroom house and 2 bedroom house and proposed 1 bedroom addition. The property is close to the water's edge, and, in order to accommodate the proposed 1-bedroom addition, the owner would like to use the Nitro enhanced treatment system. Matt Poole noted that the Nitro system shows impressive results for nitrogen removal. The two dwellings are currently on a 1990s leachfield and cesspool. The Board asked to see either a good floor plan or a bedroom count to record existing conditions, and **approved** the plan contingent on receipt of the floor plan and a well report on a proposed new well for the property. The Board asked Marina Lent to send an approval letter to the landowner outlining the monitoring conditions for this IA system.

McGarry 108 Hammett Road (4-7) Reid Silva presented a plan for a tie in of an existing five bedroom dwelling with an existing garage and a proposed pool with a one bedroom pool house. The Board decided to postpone its review until a future date.

Gerstle, 21 Tea Lane (12-39) Reid Silva presented a proposed six bedroom system for future house. The lot is undeveloped at this point, and does not have a well installed. The Board **approved** the plan, contingent on prior receipt, review and approval of a well construction permit and a well completion report.

Bolduc, 8 Fannies Way (13-10.3) The Board **approved** an out-of-season perc test request by Reid Silva provided that results only count if the soils are unambiguous.

33 North Road (3-7&8) Police Chief Jonathan Klaren and Sargent Sean Slavin came before the Board for a discussion about problems at the O’Gorman properties off of North Road which fall under the purview of the Board through the State Sanitary Code. At its previous meeting, the Board had invited Brian O’Gorman to come before the Board to discuss certain issues, and a letter to this effect had been delivered following the meeting. Marina Lent reported having received no response, either verbally or in writing, to the invitation to the Board’s meeting.

The Board noted receipt of a police narrative detailing several visits to the property over the last year and a half for various complaints. The report describes the condition of the property. Chief Klaren stated that the acuity of calls is escalating and the situation appears to be deteriorating. He acknowledged that some of these matters were purely in police purview, but stated that, in his estimation, it is time for more of the town to get involved to see what kind of remediation can be done, before things get worse.

Living conditions included a half-butchered deer hanging in the barn structure, from which personal belongings, furniture and clothing had been removed and was now strewn outside. Officer Slavin stated that he was not as familiar with the inside of the structures, but surmised that living conditions probably were no better than was indicated by the outside of the property.

The Board noted that certain living conditions require a response from the Board of Health as being conditions deemed to endanger human health and safety. Having made an effort to discuss a voluntary sanitary code inspection, the Board felt that an administrative warrant should be sought, and that, moreover, town officials with

specialized expertise in fire, electrical and structural safety should accompany Board administrative staff in conducting a sanitary code inspection.

The Board asked Marina Lent to work with Town Administrator Tim Carroll to request that town counsel pull together an administrative warrant to conduct a sanitary code and fire safety inspection.