

Chilmark Board of Health

Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Chilmark Town Hall
5:00 pm

Present: Katie Carroll, Matt Poole, Jan Buhrman

Also Present, Mike Tomkins, George Sourati, Sally & Peter Cook, Judie Flanders, Susan Murphy, Noli Taylor

Minutes: August 7 and 21, 2019

Cemetery Commission The Board held a discussion with members of the Cemetery Commission about plans for expansion into a new segment of the lot. The Commission has been unable to locate written approval from the Board of Health for the use of the land on AP 24-138 for the interment of human remains. Such approval, following a public hearing, is required under Title XVI, ch.114, sec.34 of Mass General Law Part I Administration of the Government. The Board noted that the entire parcel, not just the section slated for expansion of the existing cemetery, is intended for such use, and decided that it will hold a public hearing to consider approval of the entire parcel as a cemetery. The hearing will be posted according to law and is scheduled to be held on October 16th.

Carroll, Bartlett Woods (12-16) Abutter Katie Carroll recused herself from consideration of this item as Mike Tomkins presented a plan showing two systems in full compliance to demonstrate capacity of the property to support a proposed six bedroom dwelling, with the existing two bedroom house to be considered a guest house. The Board asked Reid Silva to supply a letter stating that he has confidence in the property to support the proposed septic requirements. A perc test will be conducted at a later date.

Weisman, 121 South Road (32-57) Mike Tomkins presented a septic upgrade plan revision to revert to a previously-discussed tank location; the Board **approved** the proposed revision, but stressed that the approved construction permit cannot be released until a deed restriction is received by the office which will preclude the proposed finished basement from being used as a sleeping space.

Wiseman, 33-142 Mike Tomkins presented a proposed revision to accommodate boulders found on site. The Board noted that confirmation is required that there is no garbage grinder on the property prior to release of the construction permit and **approved** the revision.

Mercer, 4 Menemsha Gate (26-135) The Board reviewed an emergency replacement well permit prepared by John Clarke which meets all Chilmark separation requirements. The Board **approved** the replacement well, on the condition that the existing well is properly abandoned according to DEP Private Well Guidelines.

Beetlebung Road LLC, Beetlebung Road, (20-34,35) George Sourati presented a septic construction permit application to replace an existing septic system since the existing house is to be replaced by a new house with two swimming pools, a future pool house and a garage. The existing house has five bedrooms. The Board requested a house plan to determine the number of bedrooms required for the proposed septic system. Katie Carroll noted that the area is considerably wet with standing pools of water on the path and asked about wetlands on the property. There are isolated wetlands. A revised plan will be presented that will not reflect a proposed future guest house.

15 Blue Barque (17-37) Marina Lent presented renovation plans and bedroom count at the property which were provided by contractor Mike Lynch. The Board noted that the proposed renovation does not change the existing number of bedrooms, and asked Marina Lent to obtain a sketch of the septic system location, as there is no plan on file for this older system.

PWS Contract The Board noted responses to its offer of a contract for the Operator of the CCC/Library Public Water System. Two proposals were submitted, one from Weston & Sampson, and one from Bennett Environmental Company. The Board noted that both companies have a good reputation, both also have other island contracts, and both put in strong proposals. The Board decided to award the contract to Bennett Environmental Company and asked Marina Lent to inform the applicants.

Beach Plum Inn & Homeport Marina Lent delivered a status report on recent developments at the Beach Plum Inn and Homeport. At the Homeport, a routine inspection showed some problems; in addition, a possible case of Hepatitis A was reported, but it fortunately turned out to be unrelated to food borne illness. The departure of the chef at the Beach Plum Inn has been resolved with a long-term kitchen staff member being designated Person-in-charge and responsible for breakfast service, while a catering chef is taking responsibility for the remaining special events for the

season. The Board asked Marina Lent to follow up with the Homeport and conduct a detailed facility review prior to the end of the season so that deficiencies can be identified and addressed prior to next year's opening.

Invoices:

- Reimburse Marina Lent for registered mail \$7

The meeting adjourned at 19:02 hours.

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