BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES March 5th, 2019

5:00

PRESENT: Tim Barnett, Erik Lowe, and Omar Johnson

INVITED AND IN ATTENDANCE:

WELLS Approved:

Wells Not Approved:

DWA PLAN REVIEW APPROVED:

DWA PLAN REVIEW NOT APPROVED:

DWA APPROVED:

Wilcox & Zoref 8-28.1

DWA NOT APPROVED:

Crystal Thomas 16-45

ADDITIONS APPROVED:

ADDITIONS NOT APPROVED:

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS FILED:

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS NOT FILED:

LANDFILL/REFUSE DISTRICT:

BEACHES/EM/MDPH:

Informed the Board that a dead bat found in Tisbury recently tested positive for rabies, and that steps have been taken to alert the public on the matter via information on the Town website and printed information available at the Town Hall. Board member Erik Lowe shared that residents should be informed that this incident places even more importance on making certain pets are vaccinated for rabies. Board member

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Lowe's suggestion is specifically mentioned on the website and in the information packet available to the public.

Health Agent Johnson shared the annual Ice House Pond report with the Board members noting that bacteria levels increased more often in 2018 as compared to previously sampled years. It was explained that the causes for these increases could be attributed to a number of factors: Animal excrement and/or failed septic systems. Health Agent Johnson shared that he plans to look further into the possible role that septic systems may have in this concern and discuss some possible solutions.

ANIMAL REVIEW FORM:
PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL APPLICATIONS
TRAILER PERMITS:
TRAILER PERMITS NOT APPROVED:

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: The Board was informed that the MV Airport is approaching the midpoint of their FAA funded runway construction. The Board was made aware that the Airport will need to be closed for approximately 60 hours to complete work on an intersection of the runway, and are targeting April 4 thru 11 to complete the work between the hours of 7am and 7pm pending any issues that may arise. The Board was informed that the Airport is asking for permission to extend past these hours only if necessary in the evenings to keep to the 60 hour closure. The Board was informed that the targeted location of the work is near the center of the airport and the noise would be no louder than with the work currently being done. In addition they would utilize the airport's business park entrance during evening work to avoid the residential areas of West Tisbury road. The Board granted their approval to proceed in line with what has been requested.

The Board was provided with a summary/update of the Town's PFAS (contamination) Immediate Response Action (IRA) plan. The Board was informed that treatment systems are proposed for all those properties where the sum of the 5 target PFAS compounds in wells was greater than 20 ppt (which is below the MassDEP guidance level of 70 ppt. The Board is aware that 27 wells have been identified as being in the targeted range and those properties will be provided with Point of Entry (POE) systems utilizing a selected granular activated carbon technology, which has been in initial testing shown to reduce the 5 compounds to near non-detectable levels. The installation of these systems are planned beginning mid-March and are planned to be completed by the end of April 2019. Sampling of private wells will continue in the targeted study area during the March to April timeframe.

PERMITS APPROVED:

Food: Bettlebung Beef LLC; Khen's Little Kitchen

Ghost Island Farm Beth's Bakery

The Good Earth of MV (Pending a review of requirements for preparing and selling jams)

Hotel/Motel: FOCUS

Septic Installers: Brickstone Construction

PERMITS NOT APPROVED

TIME IS RESERVED FOR TOPICS THAT THE CHAIR DID NOT REASONABLE ANTICIPATE:

The Board recommended that Health Agent Johnson contact Jessica Burt and invite her to sit in on some of the Board meetings to familiarize her with some of the processes and procedures. Ms. Burt is an individual who has expressed interest in being a Board member.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED

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Approved minutes: February 14th