

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES December 21, 2021 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Jessica Miller, Erik Lowe, Tim Barnett, Omar Johnson & William Droheim

INVITED AND IN ATTENDANCE:

WELLS APPROVED:

WELLS NOT APPROVED:

DWA PLAN REVIEW APPROVED:

DWA PLAN REVIEW NOT APPROVED:

DWA APPROVED: Ronald Dagostino 17-125

DWA NOT APPROVED: Lynley Projects 3-7- The Board did not approve the variance. The variance requested 165' from the leaching facility to the coastal district. 200' is required from the leaching facility to the coastal district.

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS APPROVED:

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS NOT APPROVED:

BEACHES/EM/MDPH:

ANIMAL/BARN REVIEW FORM APPROVED:

ANIMAL/BARN REVIEW FORM NOT APPROVED:

PRIVATE/PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL APPROVED:

PRIVATE/PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL NOT APPROVED:

TRAILER PERMITS APPROVED:

TRAILER PERMITS NOT APPROVED:

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

BOH Budget Review: The Board approved the budget. There were no changes from the previous year.

Representative to the Landbank- David Bouck has been nominated to the representative position to the Landbank. Board Member Jessica Miller and Health Agent Omar Johnson will reach out to Bouck and offer the position.

Covid-19 Update: Summarized the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases on the island. In the past two weeks, there have been 197 new cases. The Board discussed the possibility of a spike in cases with the upcoming holiday season and the Omicron COVID-19 variant emerging as the dominant strain.

Home Test Kit Update: In the last week, Oak Bluffs and Chilmark received 1,200 rapid COVID-19 tests from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The free tests are intended for low-income families. The bulk of the 1,200 rapid test remained in Oak Bluffs and Chilmark, however the Town of West Tisbury were given about 30 to hand out to its residents. The tests were handed out at Town Hall, the Council on Aging and the library. A website, RapidTestMV.org, was designed for the rapid test users to register their results. Additionally, Island Health Care ordered 8,100 Quidel Rapid Home Tests to be distributed to the municipalities on Martha's Vineyard.

PFAS in Artificial Turf: Health Agent Omar Johnson drafted a letter in support of opposing the artificial turf project in Oak Bluffs. The opposition is due to the link between artificial turf and PFAS chemicals. It is uncertain what quantity of PFAS chemicals would leach into the water table from turf run-off . The letter was open to recommendations from the Board. The Board stated the letter should state they were opposed to the installation of anything containing PFAS chemicals – not solely the artificial turf project. The Board also stated the Town of West Tisbury should adopt similar regulations.

PERMITS APPROVED:

Septic Installers Permit: Jermaine Mendez, All-Phaze Excavation, Kane Araujo, Miller's Professional, John Keene Excavation, L.B. Form, Richard Olsen & Son, Daniel Rogers Hauling LLC

Septic Haulers Permit:

Food Establishment Permit: 7A Foods, Alleys General Store, Up-Island Cronigs

Bed & Breakfast Permit: Hideaway

PERMITS NOT APPROVED:

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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED

IN:

OUT:

Minutes Approved: 12/9/2021

BoH Approval: 1/27/22