

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES July 8, 2021 5:00 PM

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

INVITED AND IN ATTENDANCE:

Doug Cooper- Did not attend

Susan Silk- Attended the meeting to discuss the recent decision of a non-vaccine mandate and the current face mask mandate at the Council on Aging.

WELLS APPROVED:

WELLS NOT APPROVED:

DWA PLAN REVIEW APPROVED:

DWA PLAN REVIEW NOT APPROVED:

DWA APPROVED: Peter Mauro 10-18, Mary Knight 11-46.2, Cody Coutinho 7-13.2

DWA NOT APPROVED: Geoffrey C. Berresford 22-24- Septic plan was not approved. The Board did not have the building plans for the conversion of the garage to the 2 bedroom guest house.

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS APPROVED: Regina and Douglas Janacek 29-71

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS NOT APPROVED:

BEACHES/EM/MDPH:

Upcoming PFAS Meeting with BOH & Town Officials: On July 20, 2021 a zoom PFAS Task Force Hearing will take place with the state of Massachusetts. The meeting is titled "Municipal Matters and Local Action", and will allow local stakeholders from municipalities to address the issue of PFAS chemicals in their communities. This task force has a mission to review and investigate water and ground contamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances across the Commonwealth and recommend strategies for remediation, education, and mitigation of public health concerns and environmental damages.

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:

Ag Fair Update: Board was informed that Island Health Care will be having a COVID-19 information table at the upcoming Agricultural Fair. Omar Johnson informed the Board there is a possibility a mobile vaccine unit could also be attending. Mr. Johnson applied through a state program and is waiting on approval.

West Tisbury School Book Sale: Briefed the Board on the upcoming West Tisbury Library Book Sale taking place at the West Tisbury School gym. The sale takes place from July 26, 2021 to August 2, 2021. Due to COVID considerations, masks will be required, tables will be six feet apart, and customers will be limited to 200 maximum in the gym at once.

Public Health Excellence Grant Money: Board was informed the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket were awarded a \$300,000 grant from the State Department of Public Health (DPH). The seven towns will be able to add a health inspector, a wildlife biologist and a community health worker/epidemiologist to the public health workforce.

West Tisbury School Water: Board was briefed that the West Tisbury School water tested positive for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria is an indicator bacteria which may or may not indicate contamination of the system. In the past week, 3 separate water sample tests on 3 different days were completed and all tested positive. Today the school's water distribution system was flushed for an hour. An irrigation sprinkler system is currently being installed in the rear of the school on the grass fields, but no connection has been made between the construction and the positive coliform samples.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

COVID Statistics: Discussed the current number of COVID-19 cases on the island. There have been 3 new cases from June 25, 2021 to July 8, 2021 on Martha's Vineyard.

Council on Aging Vaccine Mandate: As previously ruled by the Board of Health and Selectman, the town of West Tisbury will not mandate its employees to get vaccinated and will continue to enforce a mask mandate at all municipality owned public buildings. Susan Silk requested an exception for the mask mandate at the Council on Aging, which was denied.

PERMITS APPROVED:

Camp: Plum Hill School

Hostel: Hosteling of Martha's Vineyard

PERMITS NOT APPROVED:

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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED

IN:

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Minutes Approved: 6/24/2021

BoH Approval: 7/22/21