

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES August 8th, 2019 5:00

PRESENT: Tim Barnett, Jessica Miller, Erik Lowe and Omar Johnson

INVITED AND IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Mercier (IWYC); Prudy Burt (Eisner); Eisner & Reid Silva;
Anthony Cordray (Stabling Regulation... Sign-Off)

WELLS Approved:

Wells Not Approved:

DWA PLAN REVIEW APPROVED:

Eisner 32-31

DWA PLAN REVIEW NOT APPROVED:

O'Donnell 26-29 (Given tentative approval awaiting well information)

DWA APPROVED:

DWA NOT APPROVED:

ADDITIONS APPROVED:

ADDITIONS NOT APPROVED:

133 Indian Hill rd. 15-26.121

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS FILED:

Humphreys 10-11

Carter-Donovan 15-6

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS NOT FILED:

LANDFILL/REFUSE DISTRICT:

BEACHES/EM/MDPH:

ANIMAL REVIEW FORM:
PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL APPLICATIONS:

PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED:

TRAILER PERMITS:

TRAILER PERMITS NOT APPROVED:

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Susan Mercier and Julie Faye representing the Island Wide Youth Collaborative (IWYC) met with the Board to give an overview on the programs they provide. In summary, IWYC provides support s to families and students dealing with mental health and substance use disorders, the IWYC provides programming and case management to support families. IWYC works in collaboration with the six island boards of health that provides funding on an annual basis for these programs.

Health Agent Johnson brought to the attention of the Board that Erik Lowe and Dave Merry needed to be re-appointed to the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District Committee Board of Directors. Health Agent Johnson will draft the re-appointment letters and follow-thru on getting the appropriate signatures and making sure the nominees are sworn in.

Health Agent Johnson shared with the Board information on the Retail Food Safety Modernization Grant. This grant for the period of a year allows for the health agent to use a fully digital, mobile food safety inspection platform designed for use in the field. Health Agent Johnson explained that this tool has the potential be useful but was not sure if it would be needed in West Tisbury where there are a small number of restaurants. Johnson shared that he would like to bypass the opportunity to try this option at this particular time.

Discussion regarding stabling regulations continued. In attendance was Anthony Cordray the Animal Control Officer. Board member Lowe introduced the idea initiating a permit process for all the animals in the town. Mr. Lowe believes that a permit process would make owners of non-domesticated animals more responsible with complying with regulations. Lowe recommends a very small fee for this permit, noting that the income gained would be nominal, as this is not the primary reason for the permitting. Health Agent Johnson briefly interjected that he was not open to taking on more duties in light of the challenges (time) he currently faces with the handling of his current duties. Control Officer Cordray offered to research the permitting of animals in other towns to get some idea to better educate everyone on the feasibility of the idea. Also discussed were changing setbacks and banning barb wire fencing something that Anthony Cordray,

Animal Control Officers did not favor? No solid conclusions were reached in regards to changes to the stabling regulations.

Mr. Eisner's septic application approved on 7/11 was brought back to the Board for discussion due to the need to address some concerns by Prudy Burt, which Health Agent Johnson deemed worthy of being shared with the Board. Ms. Burt first discussed the evolution of the "studio" on this property which questioned whether it could be used as a bedroom. The Board was of the opinion that past use of the studio as a bedroom and current definitions helped establish that the studio structure in question could continue to be used as a bedroom. Ms. Burt contended that the regulations stipulate that the wetlands be subtracted from the total allowable land used to determine septic capacity and that this was not done. Ms. Burt argued that according to Title 5, the lot did not have the required amount of land to support the number of bedrooms being proposed. Referencing BOH Regulation (5.03-1) Ms. Burt also shared that she did not believe the Board had been responsible in requiring a septic system that would result in the least adverse impact on public health and the environment, explaining that she did not feel a Title 5 system was sufficient, and asking for an advanced denitrification system. Ms. Burt also requested that the studio in question, abutting the Tiasquam River which feeds into Tisbury Great Pond (2013 Massachusetts Estuaries Project Report attributes 40% of the locally controlled nitrogen load to wastewater) be equipped with a composting toilet. Reid Silva the engineer representing Mr. Eisner, shared that this is an upgrade of an existing system and that Title 5 allows for maximum feasible compliance. Mr. Silva discussed moving the proposed septic system, and discussed the grey water that had been previously discharged underneath the studio into a pit. Chairman Tim Barnett mentioned that he would like the pit inspected to which Mr. Eisner replied that he was uncertain as to whether it had been removed? The Board concluded and it was agreed that a composting toilet will be placed in the studio and the grey water from the studio will be connected to the septic system.

PERMITS APPROVED:

Ag Fair: Deon's Restaurant; Aaron Zeender/Mermaid Farm; John McCormick; Poppies Lemonade, Poppies French Fries, Poppies Fried Dough, Poppies Tempura; Frankie's Flatbread; Holly Lawyer (selling Sea Salts)

PERMITS NOT APPROVED

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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED

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Minutes Approved: **7/25/2019**