

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 13, 2016: Minutes

Members Present: Patricia Bergeron, James Butterick William White

Others Present: Ade Solarin – Health Agent, Alexandra Kral, Gary Ben David, Dough Reece, James Brown, Kim Hilliard, Doug Dowling, Herbert Combra

APPOINTMENTS:

10:00: Minute approval for 8/2/2016 and 8/16/2016 meetings

Member White motioned to approve minutes for 8/2/2016 meeting.

Member Bergeron 2nd it. Motion was approved.

Member White motioned to approve minutes for 8/16/2016 meeting with requested corrections.

Motion was unanimously approved.

10:05: Review with a Health Agent

Health agent reviewed the agenda with the Board of Health and suggested to proceed to the next appointment.

10:10: 117 County Road M. 12 P.64

Ms. Brown is seeking permission to make her house a 2 bedroom house and to create a 1 bedroom lot

- **Health Agent:** Lot was subdivided into three different parcels after DCPC regulations were adopted. That regulation restricts from building on two of those lots. Mr. Brown wants to remove one bedroom from existing house and build 1 bedroom dwelling on one of the created lots. After this issue was presented to the Board of Health, we requested Town Council's opinion on this matter.
- **Health Agent:** The lot that is over 15,000 sq.ft. can accommodate a 1-bedroom dwelling. There will be a shared septic system which may become an issue.
- **James Brown:** We are planning to install separate one bedroom septic system for that lot.
- **Member Bergeron:** So there is going to be one bedroom single family dwelling with the separate one bedroom septic system created on the lot which is over 15,000 sq.ft. Extra bedroom will be removed from the main house. Correct?
- **Health Agent:** Yes.

Member White motioned to grant Mr. and Mrs. Brown permission to make their house a 2- bedroom house and build a 1- bedroom dwelling on the lot that is over 15,000sq.ft. Both properties will be deed restricted and have individual septic systems.

Motions were unanimously approved.

10:20: 20 Wing Road M.17 P.90

Ms. Hilliard would like to appeal Health Agent's denial of Septic System application # 15-41 Rev for property stated above

- **Kim Hilliard:** I purchased this property with an approved septic system application for a 3 - bedroom septic. I submitted a revision to change proposed location of septic system which was denied.
- **Health Agent:** One bedroom single family dwelling located on a 10,000sq.ft. lot in Zone II requires a one bedroom septic system.
- **Doug Dowling:** Title 5 requires us to install minimum 3- bedroom septic system. There is no policy or regulation stating that we are only allowed to install a one bedroom septic system.
- **Health Agent:** I would need written permission from DEP to approve a three bedroom septic system for a 10, 000 sq.ft. Lot in Zone II.
- **Member Bergeron:** I believe it is incorrect to deny an application that we previously approved. However, we will require a one bedroom deed restriction to be recorded.

*Member White motioned to approve Septic system application # 15-41 Rev. Permit won't be issued until a recorded deed restriction is received.
Motion was unanimously approved.*

MEMBERS:

10:30: Discussion regarding the referendum vote to legalize marijuana on the November ballot

- **Member Butterick:** I wanted to know if the Board of Health will have an official position regarding legalizing recreational marijuana

10:40: Algae bloom at the Lagoon Pond

- **Member Butterick:** I noticed red discoloration in the Lagoon Pond. I was wondering if we should update our website with related information.
- **Member Bergeron:** I think it's a great idea to keep Martha's Vineyard residents informed regarding Lagoon Pond conditions.

10:50: The all-island Boards of Health meeting for October 12th

- **Member Butterick:** The all-Island Board of Health meeting will be held on October 12th at Vineyard Haven Senior Center from 6pm to 8pm. There are few items on the agenda so far: Proposal to reduce tick borne disease infection by using genetically altered mice; Substance abuse; Tisbury Nitrogen regulations; Marijuana legalization.

OTHER BUSINESS:

11:00: Gary BenDavid Re: 19 Pond View Drive

Mr. BenDavid wanted to touch base with Board members regarding his appointment for 19 Pond View Drive on September 27th.

11:10: 98 Pennsylvania Avenue

Mr. Combra is concerned about on-going situation at 98 Pennsylvania Avenue. The house is overcrowded, miscellaneous items are scattered around the yard and neighbors suspect that residents of that property may be pumping raw sewage onto the abutting lot. Board of Health has recently received other complaints regarding this property. Health Agent is scheduled to come out for an inspection immediately.

Member White: Motioned to adjourned

Respectfully submitted by,
Alexandra Kral, Administrative Assistant