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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 25, 2016: Minutes

Members Present: Patricia Bergeron, James Butterick William White

Others Present: Ade Solarin – Health Agent, Alexandra Kral

APPOINTMENTS:

10:00: Minute approval for 10/11/2016

Member White motioned to approve minutes for 10/11/2016 meeting.

Member Butterick 2nd it. Member Bergeron abstained.

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: 69 Forest Avenue M 22 P 39.2

The disposal system construction permit has already been issued. The plan was approved by the Board of Health on 3/18/2014. Mr. BenDavid turned in a revised plan for review and approval by the Board of Health.

- **Vineyard Land Surveying:** The original plan was approved. This is a revision to rotate a septic tank.
- **Health Agent:** Because the original plan was approved by the Board of Health Members I decided to bring the revision in front of BOH Members for review and approval.

Member White motioned to approve revised plan for 69 Forest Avenue.

Motion as unanimously approved.

10:20: 117 County Road M 12 P 64

Mr. Brown has not been able to propose a viable plan that is acceptable by the Building Department, the Assessor's office and the Health Agent. Health Agent proposed a plan that is acceptable by the three entities but Mr. Brown is not open to the proposal by the Health Agent and has requested to meet with the Board of Health Members.

- **James Brown:** Unfortunately, I could not agree with a floor plan suggested by the Health Agent. The suggested plan would limit access to a second floor bathroom, it will also prevent proper air circulation within dwelling and it would present a very big inconvenience for my wife and me. I don't understand why none of the plans that I submitted are unacceptable. One of the plans proposes to convert a wall into a railing to create a non-bedroom.
- **Health Agent:** None of the plans we have on file show suggested railing. I will have to review the new floor plan proposal that includes railings, to see if it would be acceptable by our department as well as Building Department and Accessors Office.



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MEMBERS:

10:30: Synthetic Marijuana Regulation

Inquiry about synthetic marijuana regulation in Oak Bluffs by the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment

- **Health Agent:** I suggest including this matter in the All Island Board of Health Agenda.

10:40: White-Footed Mouse Project:

A new strategy for reducing the incidence of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses on Martha's Vineyard by genetically modifying DNA of White-Footed Mice and introducing them to the environment.

- **Member Butterick:** This is a new approach to existing questions on how to reduce Lyme disease. I personally would like to see this project moving forward.
- **Member Bergeron:** I support this new strategy as well. At first, I wasn't in favor of modifying DNA for any purpose but after the presentation, I think this might actually work.

OTHER BUSINESS:

10:50: Schedule a conference call with Brian Dudley to discuss Zone II issues

11:00: Next Board of Health meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 per Town Clerk's recommendation not to hold any public meeting on the day of the election November 8th

Member White: Motioned to adjourned

Respectfully submitted by,
Alexandra Kral, Administrative Assistant