



Town of Oak Bluffs  
Board of Health  
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### **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**February 14, 2023 – 10:00 AM**

**In accordance with Governor Bakers emergency modification of the Open Meeting Law  
this meeting was held virtually.**

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno  
Others Present: Garrett Albiston, Alexa Arieta, Lorna Welch, Reid Silva

Mr. white called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Reid Silva of Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering – 6 Martha’s Park Rd., Map 19, Parcel 21**
  - Discuss potential number of bedrooms for septic design.

Reid explains the reason for the inquiry. Inland side of Harthaven. He pulls up previously done plan from several years ago. They want to add bedrooms. Would have been a normal upgrade back in 2013 if it was done at the time. Waivers were required because it is in the coastal district, and the setbacks to abutting septic couldn’t be met. They would be proposing a Nitro system with a tank and a pump chamber, and add an extra bedroom to the existing system (current three to proposed four) If they can add another bedroom they would do the enhanced system. If they can’t, they will likely upgrade to only a standard Title V system. Mr. Albiston asks about the square footage of the abutting wetland. Reid says he will get the numbers on that. Mr. White asks for Mr. Albiston’s opinion as the agent. Mr. Albiston states that this is a much better system than a standard upgrade. That the four bedrooms with the enhanced treatment will leach less nitrogen than a Standard Title V system with the three bedrooms. He feels this is a win for the Board of Health. All board members feel this could be done and they would entertain the Nitro system allowing the extra bedroom to be added to capacity.

#### **DISCUSSION**

- Discussion and possible vote regarding the fee for an official Title V Septic Inspection Report that has a cesspool to be considered “failed” and have the same fee as an official failed system of \$100.  
Mr. Albiston explains cesspools need to be tracked, just as failed systems do, and we need to continue following up. The workload on the Health Dept is the same as a standard failed system, and the fee should be comparable to that.  
Mr. Butterick makes a motion to approve. Mr. Zinno seconds. Approved 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- January 24, 2023
  - Mr. Butterick makes a motion to approve. Mr. Zinno seconds. Approved 3-0.

**AGENT UPDATES**

Mr. Butterick asks for an update on PFAS litigation with the planning board. Mr. Albiston states we are in the same place at this point.

Mr. Albiston tells the Board members he has gotten many accolades for Lorna and Alexa on the work that is being done.

Mr. Zinno asks for the report on the Oak Bluffs School PFAS numbers. Mr. Albiston states he will send it along but that the numbers were very low.

Mr. Albiston asks for the Boards blessing for him to be on a panel for Lagoon Pond cleanup. Once or twice a month meetings will occur. All members agree that he should be there to represent both BOH and Conservation.

Mr. Zinno states that we should be receiving an update soon from CWMP for the future sewerage plan, and then we can work on the regulation.

Mr. Zinno makes a motion to adjourn at 10:26 AM. Mr. Butterick seconds. Adjourned 3-0.

Submitted by Alexa Arieta