



Town of Oak Bluffs  
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**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**March 29, 2022 – MINUTES**

**Members Present:** William White, James Butterick

**Members Present:** Thomas Zinno

**Others Present:** Garrett Albiston, Lorna Welch, Chris Alley, Dawn McKenna

Mr. White called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- **Chris Alley on behalf of Leah Brown – 7 Masonic Ave., Map 11, Parcel 189**
  - Variance Request:
    - 1) Proposed leaching field to property line (MVCMA): 5' (10" required)

Mr. Alley shared the plans pointed out that the owner has a four-bedroom dwelling and a separate one-bedroom apartment, which predated the zoning relative to accessory dwellings. Ms. Brown wants to expand the apartment which is currently a studio design. Ms. Brown consulted with architects and was advised to take it down and put up a new building which brings us to expanding the septic system and asking for relief to the setback of property lines. Because you cannot build a new building and ask for a variance they are working backwards and designing the septic for what currently exists that would also work for the new building.

The proposal is to put in a 1500 gallons septic tank and a five-bedroom leaching field, but it requires a separation relief from the back property line, which is the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association (MVCMA). The interim general manager of the MVCMA, Ms. McKenna inquired about the height of the new structure from the concrete slab to the new peak. There was further discussion about the new structure and the distance it will be from the MVCMA property line. Ms. McKenna stated for the record that the MVCMA has no objections to granting this variance.

Mr. Alley stated that this is the same septic design they would have come up with even if they were not increasing the footprint of the structure, so it does not force them into a variance request.

Mr. Albiston stated that he had no issues with this application or variance request.

Mr. Butterick made a motion to reduce the required distance from the leaching field to the property line from 10 feet down to five feet. All in favor.

- **George Sourati on behalf of William C Sullivan, Trustee of T&H Realty Trust – 19 Sumner Park Rd., Map 3, Parcel 83**
  - Variance Request:
    - 1) To reduce the required distance from a soil absorption system to a property line from 10' down to 5' (Sumner Road) and 9' (Sumner Park).

This variance request hearing has been postponed. Abutter notification compliance not met.

**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- January 11, 2022 – Postponed – Minutes not ready for approval.

**AGENT UPDATE:**

- General update
  - We received 24 cases of Covid test kits which includes 90 test kits per box.
  - Pre-opening restaurant inspections are underway which Mr. Albiston will start doing solo. Katie Blake will assist as needed.
  - Mr. Albiston needs a letter form the board to regain access to MAVEN.
  - Mr. Albiston is signed up to take his Certified Pool Operator exam on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mr. Albiston is also currently finishing up the Food Manager Safety course.

Mr. Butterick made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant.