



Town of Oak Bluffs
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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023 – 10:00 AM

In accordance with Governor Healey's extension of the temporary provisions of the Open Meeting Law, this meeting was held virtually.

Members Present: William White, James Butterick

Members Not Present: Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Garrett Albiston, Alexa Arieta, George Sourati, Drew Belsky, Maura McGroarty

Mr. White opens the meeting at 10:00 AM.

APPOINTMENTS

- George Sourati on behalf of EWS Support Trust – 43 Farm Pond Rd., Map 17, Parcel 115
 - Variance request:
 - 1) To reduce the required distance from the proposed sanitary disposal facility to nine neighboring sanitary disposal facilities from 300' down to 74'± (nearest) (assessor parcel 17-116).

George Sourati shares his screen to show the Locus and the site plan. The house is being demolished and rebuilt, with no added bedrooms. Concom and ZBA have approved. Part of the agreement with ConCom is to upgrade to an enhanced system. Variance is requested for the new leaching field to abutting septic systems.

Mr. Albiston gives his opinion, and he is in favor. It is a significant upgrade from a standard Title V system.

Mr. Butterick makes a motion to approve. Mr. White seconds. Approved 2-0.

- Meegan Lancaster of VLS&E on behalf of James Butterick – 359 Barnes Rd., Map 27, Parcel 11.1
 - Variance request:
 - 1) Leaching area to leaching area separation; 300' required – 210', 220', and 293' proposed.

This cannot be heard as the property is owned by James Butterick, a board member, and he cannot vote. Without Mr. Zinno present, a vote cannot be taken.

- Appoint Drew Belsky as an agent of the Oak Bluffs Board of Health
 - Mr. Albiston explains that Mr. Belsky has been hired by the All Island Boards of Health, through a grant funded by DPH, to serve as a food inspector. Services will be shared across

all island towns. Mr. Belsky needs to be appointed by the board in order to act on their behalf.

- Mr. White asks Ms. Arieta's opinion. Ms. Arieta states that she has done inspections with Mr. Belsky and finds him competent. She states that he will be a great asset to Oak Bluffs BOH, to serve as an extra set of eyes or to step in when our inspectors are out of the office.
- Mr. Butterick makes a motion to approve. Mr. White seconds. Approved 2-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 25, 2023
 - Mr. Butterick makes a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Mr. White seconds. Approved 2-0.

Discussion

Maura McGroarty asks about the grant and how it is funded. She requests numbers from Mr. Albiston and for an explanation of how the position is allocated. Mr. Albiston states he could provide that information but asks that she come to the office for this.

Mr. Butterick asks how inspections are going and if everyone is doing ok. Ms. Arieta states that generally establishments seem to know what is expected of them and are complying with new regulations.

Mr. Butterick makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. White seconds. Adjourned at 10:17AM.

Respectfully submitted by Alexa Arieta, Assistant Health Agent