



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

May 23, 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.

Chairperson White opens the meeting at 10:00AM.

Members Present: William White, Thomas Zinno

Members Not Present: James Butterick

Others Present: Garrett Albiston, Alexa Arieta, Lorna Welch, Cody Coutinho, Emily Thomas

### HEARING

- Review and vote on amended regulation - Bedroom Definition Section 19.0
  - Mr. Albiston reads the changes to the regulation.
    - Mr. Zinno makes a motion to approve. Mr. White seconds. Approved 2-0.

### APPOINTMENTS

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

Mr. Coutinho shares his screen. The leaching pit is not performing well. The owner has opted to install a leaching field to replace the pit and install a new MicroFAST tank.

- Mr. Zinno asks for information on the system. He asks for the Health Agents' opinion. Mr. Albiston supports the upgrade.
- Mr. Zinno makes a motion to approve. Mr. White seconds. Approved 2-0.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 9, 2023
  - Minutes cannot be reviewed based on Mr. Butterick's absence.

**AGENT UPDATES**

- Mr. Albiston states that we need to set up a special meeting with engineers to explain the CWMP plan for sewerage and IA requirements.
- Oak Bluffs has received a 315K Grant from the MVC for septic system upgrades. The BOH will need to devise a plan for how the grant money will be distributed and what the criteria will be for application. This will be discussed with all island boards of health. The discussion with CWMP Engineers should happen prior to this.
- Mr. Zinno asks how many new restaurants have opened this season. Ms. Arieta names a few new establishments, name changes, ownership changes.

Mr. Zinno makes a motion to adjourn at 10:20am. Mr. White seconds. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Alexa Arieta, Assistant Health Agent