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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 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: James Butterick, Thomas Zinno,

Members Not present: William White

Others Present: Garrett Albiston, Alexa Arieta, Cody Coutinho, Terry Donahue

Mr. Butterick calls the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering on behalf of Kathy Costanza – 60 Brush Pond Rd., Map 7, Parcel 19**

- Variance Request:

- 1) Leaching area to property line; 10' required – 5' proposed.

Mr. Coutino shares his screen. Replacement of a system that is a cesspool with an overflow, serving a two-bedroom house. Installation of a leaching field and tank, with availability for a MicroFAST treatment. Mr. Albiston tells Mr. Coutinho that the forthcoming regulation would require a Nitro or Nitrex tank.

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

Mr. Albiston tells Mr. Coutinho to simply send in a new plan with the revision of the tank. No new application will be needed.

- **Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering on behalf of Robert Andrew – 47 Winemack St., Map 4, Parcel 38.2**

- Variance Request:

- 1) Leaching area to property line; 10' required – 5' proposed.
- 2) Leaching area to foundation; 20' required – 10' proposed.

Mr. Coutinho shares his screen.

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

DISCUSSION

- Guidelines for distribution of ARPA septic grants

- The Town of Oak Bluffs has \$315K grant to dole out to residents to upgrade septic systems.
- Mr. Albiston states there are requirements from the county but adds that the town has the ability to make certain regulations. Mr. Albiston feels that qualifying residents should be full-time year-round residents, and within 1500 feet of the ponds (Lagoon, Sengekontacket) and not within the area that town sewer will be available. County requires income to be less than 240% AMI.
- The board needs to decide whether to cover the entire cost of the new system, or just a portion. Mr. Zinno states that he feels we should spread it out to make it last, and only cover a portion of each install.
- The town will be making the decision on who qualifies and will send those decisions to the county. The county will manage the funds.
- Mr. Albiston will work on the criteria and have it prepared to vote on for the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 13, 2023
 - Mr. Zinno makes a motion to approve. Mr. Butterick seconds. Approved 2-0.

REVIEW

- Minutes from March 1, 2022
 - Mr. Zinno makes a motion to approve. Mr. Butterick seconds. Approved 2-0.

Mr. Zinno asks for a letter to be drafted to the Selectboard and the Planning Board on the turf field project, and where the board of health stands. He asks that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Zinno makes a motion to adjourn at 10:23AM. 2-0. Adjourned.

Conversation continues.

Mr. Zinno asks if the next meeting is regarding CWMP. We will discuss the CWMP regulations that are going to be put in place. Mr. Zinno states he would like to have another meeting with the wastewater commission to discuss the proposed regulations.

Terry Donahue asks what the Board of Health's position is on the turf field. Mr. Albiston states that we cannot comment on this as it is not on the agenda. He asks if a discussion will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Albiston states that yes, the next meeting will include a discussion on a drafted letter to the Select Board and the Planning Board.

Mr. Albiston asks to re-adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Zinno makes a motion to adjourn again, at 10:26 AM. Mr. Butterick seconds. 2-0. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Alexa Arieta, Asst Health Agent