

Edgartown Board of Health
Minutes of November 10, 2020
ZOOM # 7477067621

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM. Agent Poole stated there may be break in the meeting as Chair Lancaster has a conflict if so the Board would resume. A quick discussion took place concerning the agenda items listed. Christopher Edwards was present as the applicant to be considered to fill the vacant position on the Board until April 2021. At 4:50PM, M. Lancaster re-joined the meeting.

At 4:50Pm Reid Silva, PE was before the Board as a request to vary DWP # 75/2020 and # 76/2020 both permits seek a variance from Section 2.352 to allow greater than 110 gallons per day at # 54 Clevelandtown Rd. B. Parent applicant. Certified mail for written notice was provided by Mr. Silva. James & Kristen Coghlin, Y. Perez, R. Brown and R. Harkins listed abutter were present. A screen shot of the site plan for Map 29A, Lot 85.12 as an upgrade to an existing three bedroom home was viewed by the Board as a failed septic system. A MicroFast Unit will be used along with town water for both septic locations. Mr. Silva added if approved this lot would now have an excess of flow in the amount of 27 gpd and they would like the Board to consider the flow be transfer to the abutting lot that has an existing two story garage (now lot 85.11). Ms. Lancaster inquired if there were any bedrooms associated with the structure at this time, to which no was the reply. The plan for Lot 85.11 was displayed which will also have town water and a MicroFast unit and if allowed the 27 gpd of flow could accommodate up to four bedrooms. Mr. Ysidore inquired to the flow of ground water and if the two new systems would flow in the direction of his property. Both Agent Poole and Mr. Silva indicated based upon the soil conditions and the use of the MicroFast units any ground water flow would be minimal as the majority of the soils in the area contain clay. Mr. Ysidore and Ms. Brown stated they were satisfied with the technology and had no further questions. The discussion continued with regards to the maintenance and monitoring of the two units and Agent Poole reminded the group no deed restricted space is allowed on either lot. At this time the Board stated they agreed lot # 85.12 is an improvement to the system in the ground now and approved the plans as submitted with credit of 27gpd be transfer to the abutting parcel 85.12 and to permit that lot as having four bedrooms. A motion was made and duly seconded all voting in favor of the variance requests. The group thanked the Board and left the meeting at 5:20PM.

The meeting continued with **Greg Smith, owner and K Donahue**, Agent regarding the number of bedrooms associated with # 14 Craftsfield Way, Map 45, Lot # 11 and a decision the Board had discussed at a prior meeting. A draft of terms was reviewed to include IAT treatment at the time of septic failure or any new space created that would necessate a deed restriction and any building permit application with a value greater than of 8% of the building's assessment. At this time a motion was made and duly second all in favor of the decision and authorized Agent Poole to sign the finalized document on behalf of the Board. Mr. Smith & Ms. Donahue thanked the Board **and left the meeting at 5:40PM.**

The Minutes listed for review 8/2/2020 and 10/13/2020 were approved by the Board. Payrolls and bills submitted authorized paid.

Agent's Report

Mr. Christopher Edwards was "officially" introduced to the Board with regards to his application to fill the term currently vacant. Mr. Edwards gave a brief description of his interest in the position as the director of the MV Shellfish Group he could provide water quality information and added he is eager to lean all aspect of the Department. At this time a motion was made and duly second all in favor to recommend his appointment to the position. An approval by the Board of Selectmen is necessary and they will be notified of the Board's decision. Agents Poole added he will put together a packet of documents that will be helpful to Mr. Edwards in navigating the topics undertaken by the office of the BOH.

An update on the current COVID 19 cases was provided by HA Poole. A recent increase in positive cases to 24 over the weekend has been difficult to trace, with a 14 day total of 51 alarming the Island agents. Some seem unrelated and are determined to be “socially” connected. M. Lancaster briefly mentioned the manner in which the 14 day risk mapping is calculated. Currently the Island’s population is identified by the Comm. Of Mass/DPH as being 18, 000(+/-) and now have received a metric positive of 5.56 %. Both Tisbury and Edgartown are now considered red zones by the State and a return to part 1 of Phase 2 is required.

At this time Michael Hugo member of Mass. Association of Health Boards (MAHB) was in attendance with regards to grant funding an island wide community health worker to support the Boards of Health. He briefly discussed the position especially as the pandemic has significantly changed the manner in which the HA’s can conduct inspections and monitor the health and needs of the Island Community. Mr. Hugo is in the process of “visiting” all of the Island’s BOH to confirm the six island towns would be interested in the position once the grant funds have been utilized. Both HA Poole and M. Lancaster were aware of Mr. Hugo’s efforts and they along with the Board members indicated their support going forward. The group thanked Mr. Hugo and he left the meeting

At this time a discussion took place regarding the day and time of the Boards meetings. Ms. Lancaster indicated Tuesday for her is difficult and it was suggested Wednesday’s at 4:30PM would be better. A motion was made and duly seconds unanimously all in favor to change the day from the second and fourth Tuesday meeting to Wednesday’s at 4:30PM.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,
JAH
Janet Anthony-Hathaway, Assistant

Approved on: 1/13/2021

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