

Edgartown Board of Health Meeting
Minutes of December 29, 2020 11AM
VIA Zoom 87446882032 ID

E. Garrett Orazem, DMD

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Christopher Edwards

The meeting was called to order at 11am with BI R. Milne, Planning Board administrator D. Finn and William Burke Wastewater facility manager. The one agenda item listed is a proposed pool house zoning bylaw amendment under consideration by the Planning Board and if accepted will be placed on the 2021 Annual Town warrant.

Agent Poole informed the Board of on-going discussions with staff regarding a definition for a pool house and finished space and the intended use by each applicant. As the number of pool permits issued by the Town there is an increase within each department having encountered a large range of uses. Ms. Milne added, on-site septic systems and sewer locations have both seen variations from a single half bath to a completely functioning dwelling with cooking facilities which could be considered a smaller version guest house. D. Finn added, the space would have to be considering only as seasonal use in conjunction with pool and listed as one single room having less than 400 sq. feet. Ms. Lancaster inquired the use of outdoor showers when allowing the half bath along with the consideration of the by-law becoming a local BOH regulation. Mr. Burke added his department also struggles to define the construction of the units and their regulations. Some to the extremes of adding an outside kitchen with a rinsing station. Agent Poole mentioned the lack of a definition has created an increase in the space to be defined by a deed restriction where the area is listed as non-sleeping with a limited number of appliances.

D. Finn read the full text of the proposed bylaw as such: A structure that is intended to be an assessor to a swimming pool. A pool house shall be limited to a single room and a ½ bath, shall not be conditioned space and shall not contain facilities for cooking. A pool house shall be limited to 400 square feet of habitable space. Storage areas for pool equipment shall not be included in the area calculations, and shall not be accessed from inside the pool house. Agent Poole added, the definition will clarify the use especially in the Katama area where bedroom limits are set based upon the land area. The Planning Board public hearing will take place on January 12th via Zoom. At this time a motion was made by G. Orazem, duly second by C. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board. A notice of support will be provided to the Planning Board by Agent Poole as part of the public hearing process.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Anthony-Hathaway, Assistant

Approved on: _____

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