

Edgartown Board of Health  
Minutes of August 18, 2020  
**ZOOM Meeting # 7477067621**

Harold T. Zadeh

E. Garrett Orazem, DMD

Meegan M. Lancaster

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM. Payrolls submitted thru 9/1/2020 were approved. MVRD landfill mowing invoice for \$ 2100.00 was approved for payment. The COVID 19 grant funding has a remaining balance of \$ 2100.00.

**Correspondence**

The Board reviewed a request from home owner Nancy Steinbock to continue the use of her well which is part of a septic repair for her property at # 55 Pilgrim Rd. Ms. Steinbock is working with TRI for the work and the request is being made with the understanding a satisfactory well water report is necessary. A Motion was made all in favor of the request with the condition the water quality report is suitable for drinking.

A letter in the form of an email sent by Agent Poole in response to a complaint lodged by Charles Sennott a neighbor of the Daniels property was reviewed. The land area is leased by Donaroma Landscape for composting with Mr. Sennott stating the property and operation has become a "nuisance." Agent Poole added he did go to the site accompanied by Zoning Insp. R. Milne where they inspected the area which they both thought was in order with no odors detected at that time. The Agent will get in touch with MASS/DEP with regards to the permit issued by their office for the composting site. It was suggested DEP conduct their own site visit to verify any non-compliance issues. A follow up with the Board once an inspection by DEP is made.

COVID19 Updates were made by Agent Poole with regards to cases confirmed since March 21<sup>st</sup>. He added there is a daily report made to the local press by the Island Health Agents group which lists the age group and the sex of the positive individual. No town locations will be provided or any indication if they are full time or seasonal residents. Mention was made to a larger number of calls received concerning the lack of social distancing at the "Big Bridge" with large groups queuing up to jump from the aka Jaws Bridge. Both Agent Poole and BOH member Lancaster had discussed the issue prior and had also contacted the office of the County manager regarding this matter. County Manager Thornton's point of view from the County Commissioners was this is a state highway and her office is only responsible for the beach portion and parking. The Commissioner's suggested the two BOH request the state police become involved with enforcement. Currently there is signage posted stating no jumping from the bridge which up until COVID 19 was not soliciting complaints. At this time it was determined clarity has to come from both the Comm. of Mass. thru our legislators and the Dukes County Commissioners with regards to COVID 19 enforcement in the future at that popular location.

**Agents Report**

The Agent informed the Board of the completion of the septic upgrade for G. Grasing at #27 Thirteenth Street with a replacement of the leaching pit with a leaching field. He also mentioned speaking to the owner's family with regards to the house being listed for sale. No further action was needed by the Board.

At this time Board member Zadeh stated with regrets he will resign as of today from his position on the Board. He added he has enjoyed his time working with the staff and the elected members. G. Orazem added he was thankful for the time he has spent with Zadeh and appreciates all the knowledge he has gained as a member with Harold on the Board. Ms. Lancaster agreed further as Zadeh was a good example for her in setting the foundation as an elected official.

A brief discussion was conducted with regards to advertising a new member to be considered until the next annual town meeting.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM  
Respectfully submitted  
Janet Anthony-Hathaway

Approved on: 11/10/2020

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