

Edgartown Board of Health  
Minutes of July 28, 2021

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The meeting was called to order at 4:34PM. Payroll was approved by the Board. Bills listed for payment were reviewed and authorized.

**Ted Rosbeck and Atty. R. Moriarty** was present as a continuation of a request to add a second bedroom at 189 The Bvd. M. Morality was added as a co-host and displayed a revised covenant now known as a release and grant of covenant. The new document had items listed as # 1 thru 8, with the majority of the changes made to item#2 outlining maintenance and monitoring, testing with at least one test during peak season of July 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. A testing period of three years is proposed with the current MicroFast unit for effluent levels of total nitrogen to have a mean reading within 20% of the previous 5 year Mean of 19.7 mg/L. The covenant also stated if the effluent level during this time have a mean greater than the 20% the owner shall convert the existing system or install a new system that has proven to have better total nitrogen reduction then the current unit. Items listed as # 3 thru # 8 remain in place with no change. A discussion took place with regards to having Agent Poole sign the document on the Board's behalf once the document is complete. At this time a motion was made duly seconded with all voting unanimously to approve the request to add a second bedroom to the existing one bedroom dwelling at # 189 The Blvd with the conditions outline in the covenant approved by the Board today. Mr. Rosbeck and Atty, Moriarty thanked the Board and left the meeting at 5:05PM.

**At this time Emily Redding Ex. Director** of the Great Pond Foundation was invited by Agent Poole to provide the Board with information regarding MV CYANO (Cyanobacteria Monitoring on MV). The program is a collaboration of the Edg/West Tisbury/Chilmark & Aquinnah Board of Health. Scientists involved include both the Chilmark Pond Foundation and the Great Pond Foundation. Ms. Reddington displayed slides to the Board detailing monitoring locations at both Edg. Great Pond and Crackatuxet Cove. Sampling was done for water quality and nutrient with 11 sites sampled at Edg Great Pond and 5 sites in Crackatuxet Cove. A spread sheet provided fluorometric and microscopic analyzes along with environmental conditions as nutrients, temperature, DO, PH and light. Inquiry was made by member Nichols to a sense of severity and how the BOh can assist with a solution. Ms. Redding mentions a reduction in the nitrogen in the water shed, increase in opening the ponds to salt water and a long term funding mechanism. She also added, this may be an early warning sign of risks to human health as they are already seeing signs of poor health when water is digested that contain high levels. At this time the Board thanked Ms. Reddington for her presentation of behalf of the Foundation and Ms. Reddington left the meeting at 5:35PM.

**Agents Report:** Information was provided to the Board concerning the increase of Covid cases Island wide. Mention was made to a small children group at the Chappy Community Center where a child was found position **for Covid**. The center was closed for a period of time with program manger T. Humber-Floyd putting protocols in place to prevent further any spread.

Agent Poole informed the Board of a recent swimming accident at the **Field Club** pool where a small child was transported to a Boston hospital due to the severity of the injury.

The Board acknowledged a gift in the amount of \$ **20,000. Dollars for the Soros Family** Foundation to supplement the salaries of the contact traces working throughout the COVID pandemic.

An update was provided to the **MVRD public heaing** request to be held in mid-October. Agent Poole was able to secure Ret. Judge CJ Moriarty, II as the hearing officer.

**MVRD candidates** will be interview at the August 8, 2021 meeting with Paul Hannigan and Darren Morris.

The Board was briefed with regards to a site visit made by Agent Poole with public officials concerning the permitting of a **solar array at the former Landfill** on Clevelandtown Rd.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Anthony-Hathaway, Assistant

Approved on: 8/11/2021

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