

Edgartown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2021

Meegan M. Lancaster

Christopher Edwards

Candace A. Nichols

The meeting was called to order at 4:31PM. Payroll and the Minutes of June 23 and July 7, 2021 were approved as submitted. MVRD landfill mowing invoice was approved for payment after a brief discussion.

Agents Report

A bid quality meeting was attended by Agent Poole for the proposal to install solar panels at the former Landfill. There were 18 firms represented at the site with a proposal date to be determined. Once received a warrant article will be placed on the annual town meeting in April 2021.

A Covid update was made by the Agent outlining a gradual increase of positive test, especially among the vaccinated population. Many were food service related as most staff both live and work together forcing some location to voluntarily close. The Island BOH agents had issued an "advisory" on 7/28/2021 to recommend mask wearing while indoors regardless if you are vaccinated. All Board members expressed concerns for the uptick and inquired to a more restrictive action can be taken.

At 4:46PM Reid Silva and Rebecca Ascoli was present for a variance request at # 2 Bennett Way, DWP # 91/2021 for a three bedroom on-site septic system. The 30,206 sq. foot lot is located south/west of the ground water divide where the limits are two bedrooms. The public notice was read into the record to vary Section 8-10: allow greater than 25% presumed nitrogen removal credit for system with enhanced treatment-49% proposed credit required. (Mass DEP allowance = 50%). Mr. Silva displayed the plans to the Board with reference made to the use of a MicroFast Unit with town water in place. There were no comments or inquiries from abutters or any Town Departments. Agent Poole added other lots on Bennett Way are connected to town sewer based upon a pre-approved plan. This lot is the last undeveloped lot in the subdivision. Both Lancaster and Edwards shared their thoughts with the local regulations to not allow more than 25% reduction with the MicroFast unit for the third bedroom. Nichols added if this were an existing system it could be considered for use. K. Bettenhauser inquired to the limits of two bedrooms on the lot and the manner in which the regulation was created in 1987 to protect groundwater. At this time Lancaster indicated they did not see how it could consider the request with on a 49% reduction in nitrogen and if the applicant wishes to review any other technologies which could come within the Board's requirement. Mr. Silva and his client Ms. Ascoli requested to continue the hearing until September 8th at 4:45PM with an alternative system. The Board voted all in favor of the request. Mr. Silva and Ms. Ascoli thanked the Board and left the meeting at 5:15PM.

MVRD Committee representative appointment interviews were conducted by the Board.

Paul Hannigan was present and provided the Board with his background information and experience as the Refuse manager in the early stage of the District and an effort to give back to the community. As a former property owner and resident of the neighborhood he hoped to work with the District group and the abutters who have voiced a strong opposition to any modification to be permitted at the Edgartown/West Tisbury location. The Board thanked Mr. Hannigan for his time and he left the meeting at 5:46PM.

Darren Morris was present for consideration of the representative position. Mr. Morris provided the Board with his background as being a resident of Edgartown and a former administrator for the MV Transit Authority and currently employed by MV Bank as a facilities manager. He stressed his earnestness to be involved with the District and is very interested in the waste flow especially with the recycling program. Mention was made to attendance of the monthly MVRD meeting and the upcoming public hearing for modification to the Edg/West Tisbury Rd location. The Board thanked Mr. Morris for

his time and he left the meeting at 6:10PM. The Board briefly discussed the two candidates and it was suggested they make a decision for appointment at the next posted Board meeting.

The Board discussed the public hearing process for the request by MVRD to modify the West Tisbury Rd site. A "drop box" was created of the entire document pertaining to the proposal which the Board members will have electronic access. Judge Moriarty accepted the position of hearing officer with a late fall early winter hearing date to be schedule.

There being no further business, before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Anthony-Hathaway

Approved on: 12/08/2021

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