

Edgartown Board of Health  
Minutes of March 9, 2022

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM. Payroll was approved by the Board. Minutes of January 26, 2022 were approved as written. The Minutes of December 9, 2021 were revised and approved. Agent Poole acknowledged the resignation of Meegan Lancaster from the Board. After a brief discussion with regards to Board chairperson a motion was made and duly seconded all in **favor of C. Edwards as chairperson**. Ms. Lancaster's term has a one year balance with the process for replacement done as an appointment. Mention was made to a legal notice placed in the MV Gazette seeking a position for the remaining term with all interested voters to reply no later than 3PM on April 13, 2022.

**At 4:45PM** the public hearing posted ad "Fees" was opened by HA Poole. No public input was received there were no members of the public present. The Board discussed the current rates for septic permits/application; well permits and residential swimming pool permit fees. A comparison was made of existing fees for the Island's BOH. Agent Poole added with the increase in applications and the necessary review needed for each a fee increase is recommended. After a brief discussion a motion was made and duly second all in favor of the rate increase as presented with an effective **Friday, April 15, 2022. (see attached document).**

**Agents Report**

At this time the Board reviewed the current IAT maintenance and monitor conditions put in place as a local regulation. Comparison was made between the local regulate and Comm. of Mass DEP condition for both general use and provision use requirements. The DEP approval will provide better latitude with regards to nitrogen reporting limits. The discussion will continue at the next scheduled meeting. Information with regards to the State Access for Public Health Excellence Grant (SAPHE) which has been approved as an island wide program along with Nantucket was reviewed. The three positions names for funding are: Patrick Rodan-Reynolds tick and biology vector born illness, Alexa Babaian was selected as the health epidemiologist and researcher for human service as well as behavioral/mental health issues and Celina Guimaraes as the food auditor and food inspection services. Agent Poole will have Celina G. shadow him for the spring food inspections as Edgartown has the largest number of food locations. Ms. Guimaraes if time allows will also witness perc tests in preparation for a soil evaluator's class/certification.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Anthony-Hathaway, Assistant

Approved on: 4-13-2022

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