



TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

Office of

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

70 Main Street, PO Box 5158, Edgartown, MA 02539

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday November 22nd, 2022 – 4:00 PM

The Board of Health met via Zoom and the meeting was recorded.

Board members present:

Chris Edwards: Chairperson
Candace A. Nichols: Board Member
Gretchen Regan: Board Member

Other attendants:

Matt Poole: Health Agent
Celena Guimaraes: Assistant to the BOH
Chris Alley: Engineer for both variance hearings
Fred Martin
Roswell Wolff
Darran
David Mcdonough
Erica Martin
Denise Schepici
Mark Rosenthal
David Musto
Robert Mello
John Smith
Ed Pesce
Edward Olivier
Polly Brown
Mark Nicotera

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

Meeting minutes from September 13th and September 27th were not approved and will be sent to the next meeting. Board members needed more time in order to go over them.

Payroll:

Candace made a motion to approve the payroll.

[Final decision: Approved](#)

Health Agent Report:

Matt Poole briefed the board of the previous Covid Vax bus which vaccinated 585 patients and the upcoming vax bus on December 11th was able to be scheduled using the same scheduling platform that has been used for previous clinics. There will be a \$75 dollar gift card distributed for each patient. This is an initiative being conducted by Stop & Shop and the State together. Rapid kit distribution is down, and that seems to be a good indicator that people are quieter and the town is better off than in the winter of 2021. He also mentioned the upcoming Flu clinics that will partake in Edgartown, West Tisbury and Tisbury. Scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after Thanksgiving. Celena and Matt will be working as scribes. Appointments are being booked on the app Color and have about 100 slots per clinic in an island wide clinic program including the other Towns.

Variance Hearings

04:15 PM - 12 Kent Harbor:

Chris Alley was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Alley is asking for a variance from Section 2.32 of the Edgartown Board of Health Regulation to allow 8 bedrooms on a lot of 48,483 sq. ft. North and East of the Edgartown Groundwater Divide (17% increase). The application is for a six-bedroom main house and a two-bedroom guest house with the flow being treated by a MicroFAST 0.9 system to be shared by both buildings.

Darran presented the system's plan and explained the study is being contemplated to be counted as the 6th bedroom in the main house and 2 bedrooms in the guest house. As an answer to Candace's question regarding the room in the second house, Darran explained that it was benefitting the design. As to Matt's inquiry regarding the fire safety, Darran explained that it is fully within the required safety codes.

Roswell Wolff inquired as to what the Board thinks of the efficiency of the MicroFAST denitrification system and if the 0.9 Tank can handle the amount of flow that will be used in an 8-bedroom dwelling.

Matt deferred that answer to Chris Alley and he replied to the previous question by explaining that an 8-bedroom dwelling has a tank capacity of 880 gallons per day. A MicroFAST 0.9 tank will provide a total of 900 gallons per day per bedroom capacity. Matt agreed with that and recognized the better capacity of the MicroFAST system which is rated at the state level as a 50% level. There are about 250 similar systems in Edgartown and the enhanced system is something we have a level of experience with.

David Masto asked if there would be any risks posed to the adjacent properties. Matt cleared the doubt explaining that the risk is similar to the one with the Title V and that the system does not change the risk level. In a sense, the proposed system is even better due to

the fact that it would be inspected twice a year and the report would describe how it is working.

Gretchen made a motion to approve the plans as presented with no new deed restricted spaces.

[Final decision: Approved](#)

Matt presented the 19 Haystack Lane and 20,22 & 24 Haystack Lane withdrawn by applicants, without prejudice.

[Final decision: Approved](#)

MV Hospital & Navigator Homes

Chris Alley read out a condensed version of the mitigation condition of approval written to the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Candace Nichols stated that she believes that the condition of approval needs to be specific to the Board of Health. The Board and the applicants mentioned what they believe should be included in the mitigation conditions, such as who should be able to partake in the program, what happens if a system fails, etc.

[Final decision: Matt Poole will draft a mitigation proposal for the board and the applicants to look over in an in-person working session on December 6th.](#)

Ed Pesce asked the Board to continue the variance hearing to the next meeting. The variance hearing will be continued to December 13th.

Matt Poole briefed the Board of the upcoming budget report that will be due on December 23rd.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM