

Edgartown Board of Health
Minutes of April 2, 2019

Harold T. Zadeh, Chair.

E. Garret Orazem, DMD

Meegan Lancaster

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Permits and payrolls were signed by the Board. Bills listed for payment were authorized. A motion was made all in favor for Chairman Zadeh to be the Board member to sign warrants in the absence of a posted Board meeting.

Agents Report

The Board discussed the annual town meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th and the two **warrant articles** submitted by petitions which have concerns and effect for the Board of Health. Agent Poole briefly discussed article **# 82 as an island wide** petition for special legislation to prevent substances designed to kill vegetation from infiltrating and contaminating the watersheds and ground water sources of drinking water. If passed the bylaw designates the office of the BOH to approve the use of the substance after a review and if necessary prescribe, limit, or prohibit the application of such products on lands designated as watersheds affecting ponds in Town. Agent Pooled added at this time no one in the BOH office has the credentials to “review or prescribe” what type of chemicals could be harmful or what chemicals would be appropriate for use in the “designated” areas. The Board discussed the value of a warrant article submitted by petition as having the correct language when it is determined enforcement is necessary. A better fit would have to state a “government agency” would conduct the review and to what manner enforcement would happen.

Article # 85 also submitted by petition was reviewed by the Board. A majority of the petition signees are or were related to members of the water department based upon the BOH’s action regarding adding fluoride to town water. The discussion centered on the “authority” of the BOH assigned by Mass General Laws which if approved would diminish. The Board also considered the legal aspect of a “petition” and town meeting vote for potential topics within the BOH such as vaccinations/immunizations, isolation and quarantine and enforcement actions.

Mention was made to the advertised **position of food inspector**, which did not have any applicants. Ms. Lancaster added her office of the BOH in Oak Bluffs is also looking to hire an inspector and suggested she would support a shared inspector over the busy summer season.

The Board briefly discussed upcoming meetings and agendas.
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Anthony-Hathaway, Assistant

Approved on: May 14, 2019

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