

Edgartown Board of Health  
Minutes of June 13, 2017

Harold T. Zadeh, Chair.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM. Payrolls, permits and bills were signed by the Board.

**Correspondence**

The Board reviewed a packet of information concerning **fluoridation** of public water supply as part of Mass Dept. of Public Health. **Section 8C** advises to reduce or limit the prevalence of dental care and other dental diseases and defects can determine that the fluoride content of the public water supply is not at optimum level for sound dental health. Additional paper work received from **Mass/Dept of Public Health** dated June 12, 2015 included a new optimal level of fluoride in drinking water, as recommended by CDC is now 0.7 mg/L instead of 1.0 mg/L. Other topics discussed included a process to take if it is determined the content of the public water supply is not at an optimal level and the level of public support necessary for a petition. The Board requested data on the number of households that utilize town water and the possible number of on-site wells in operation. More information will be provided to the Board over the next few months.

**A 2017 bathing beach** testing schedule was discussed by the Board. A memo from Mass DPH included a revised sampling data form, an updated format for reporting test results and modification to the manner in which notice is provided when test results are received with elevated bacteria levels.

The Board reviewed vendor and menu listings for the annual **Taste of the Vineyard**. Mention was made to the variety of foods served, the location of fire extinguishers and the location of the hand wash sinks.

**ZBA public** hearing notice was received from Leslie Look at # 27 Clay Pit Road as a request for a two bedroom duplex, which will require a variance from BOH Lily Pond regulations. A memo was sent to ZBA indicating the permit process. Clarence Barnes's public hearing notice to ZBA was discussed by the Board as a request to construction two temporary equipment storage sheds at # 13 Massasoit Ave.

**Agents Report**

FY18 Nursing service proposal was reviewed by the Board for the period of 7/1/17 to 6/30/2018 with VNA of Cape Cod. An hourly rate of \$ 85.00 was listed with services to include immunizations, screenings, case management and educational presentations. The all island health agents are discussing a list of "combined" services between the Boards of Health and Island Health Care located in Edgartown. Other topics under consideration for FY18 contract would include "social services" with the homeless population, substance abuse disorder and education to address the high rate of children in Dukes County with a religious waiver for childhood immunizations. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Food inspection services were discussed, with an advertisement to be placed in the Vineyard Gazette.

Agent Poole provided the Board with information concerning a recent food service inspection conducted at a catering kitchen located at MV Airport Business Park, # 14 A Street, and Unit # 3. A complaint was received which detailed conditions that were found to exist in late March and early April having to do with rodent and pest control management.

**There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.**

Respectfully submitted, 7/11/2017

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