

Edgartown Board of Health  
Minutes of July 11, 2017

Harold T. Zadeh, Chairman

E. Garrett Orazem, DMD

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM. Payrolls, permits and bills submitted were approved. The Minutes of May 9 and June 13, 2017 were approved as written.

**Correspondence**

The Board reviewed the FY18 salary accounts with mention made to the COA approved at the annual town meeting.

**ZBA public hearing notices were reviewed for:** E. Milan as a request for an in ground swimming pool within the setbacks on Sparrow Lane. C. Hajjar's request to convert the Point Way Inn from its existing use back to an Inn, renting rooms to the public. P. Knocker's request for a small addition and an expansion of a second floor deck. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

A letter received from the **Conservation Commission** was discussed by the Board to consider future use of an area adjoining the former landfill off Meshacket Rd. to store large volumes of sand that is clean, free of containments and used for beach nourishment. The request is made on behalf of the Dredge Advisory Committee as an effort to stock pile excess sand in case of an emergency due to beach erosion in the event of severe over wash from hurricane or winter storms. The Board directed Agent Poole to contact Wright/Pierce engineers for the site to confirm the use will not affect the capped area.

**Agent's Report**

An update was provided regarding the on-going conversation for the **FY 17 nursing services** with VNA and the proposal for the FY18 contract. Agent Poole did speak with Liz Sanderman town nurse and the program direct Mary Devlin concerning the May and June invoices submitted with 24 billable hours each month towards "case management" with no detail provided. These amounts will significantly affect the year end account balances. Agent Poole added, other island towns were billed for the same services but to a lesser amount. Agent Poole indicated there was a discussion with Ms. Devlin back in April with the all island health agents regarding billing hours based upon the assessment formula used by Dukes County. At that time the use of the county formula for payment was only a discussion to be considered and not approved for FY17. The agent did speak to town account Kim Kane in an effort to clarify the manner in which funds could be held over and if necessary paid after the July 17 close out of FY17. At this time the Board indicated Agent Poole should contact Ms. Devlin via email for an explanation why Edgartown's cost was an accumulation of 33% of the hours spent in the six island towns. The Board further indicated they could not agree to accept these charges going forward as they amount could total more than 20,000.00 per year. The discussion continued with information provided by Agent Poole concerning home based visit for both adults and new babies provided by Island Health Care nurses. He did speak to the director who indicated their group of clinicians would be willing to provide services.

A brief discussion took place as a follow up to a previous meeting regarding fluoridation in the town water system. It was determined there are apporximaly 2950 water accounts with the remainder of households served by on-site wells.

**There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Anthony-Hathaway, Assistant**

**Approved on: 9/12/2017**

**Harold T. Zadeh, Chairman**

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