

Edgartown Board of Health
Minutes of October 10, 2017

Harold T. Zadeh, Chair.

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

Correspondence

Notice was provided for a special town meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7pm. An employee re-classification plan and a by-law to amend zoning regarding medical marijuana establishments will be the main purpose of the meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Mass Div. of Marine Fisheries (DMF) in conjunction with Mass DPH concerning two cases of Vibrio from shellfish grown in the Katama Bay area (V20). Effective 9/14/2017 a 14 day closure will be in effect in the defined area with harvesting, possession and digging is prohibited until the area is returned to the open status. Agent Poole added he will visit the food outlets that serve oysters and confirm any stock from this area will be removed.

Con Com public hearing notice for L. Bressler was reviewed by the Board as a minor alteration at # 91 Oyster Pond Rd.

Agents Report

A nursing service update was provided to the Board. Agent Poole mentioned a recent meeting with administrators of Island Health Care Access regarding a short term contract for home visits. More information will be provided over the next few weeks. A handout was received from VNA for the annual flu clinic to be held on Saturday, October 14 at the MVRHS.

Data entry for the IAT systems is on-going, once completed tracing of the units will be done electronically.

The Board discussed a public hearing date to change the purchase age for tobacco products from 18 to 21. Both Chilmark and Tisbury have adopted the age change effective January 2018. After a brief discussion regarding the number of communities in the state who have adopted the change along with information provided by Mass. Dept of Public Health a motion was made all in favor of the public hearing and set the meeting date of October 24, 2017 at 6:15PM.

Agent Poole provided the Board with a handout of information concerning recommendations regarding Community Water Fluoridation issued by US Dept. of Human Services on April 27, 2015. This multiyear review updated the optimal water fluoridation range from 0.7 pp million up to a maximum of 1.2 ppm to a single standard of 0.7 ppm. Changes were made to standardize the levels across the country as people in different climates drink roughly the same amount of water and more sources of fluoride are available now than when the recommendations were first made in the 1960's. A report prepared for the Board from Barnstable County Lab as a certificate of analysis for three town water samples taken by Agent Poole from the elementary school, town hall and a home located in the bold meadow development were reviewed. All three sample results tested for fluoride came back none detected. Mention was made to a recent meeting Agent Poole and Dr. Orazem had with water superintendant W. Chapman which they both thought was productive. The Water Commissioner will place the topic of water fluoridation on their agenda to be posted for Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 3:30PM. All BOH members were urged to attend as there will not be a BOH meeting that day. The Board discussed a timeline associated with determining the fluoride level is not optimal and may order the upward adjustment of fluoride in the public water. This time line included a public notice, a waiting period and a majority vote YES or NO at an annual town meeting. Agent Poole added the timeline would be put in place to give the public exposure to the consideration once the notice is published. After further discussion regarding the dental benefit in reducing up to 25% less cavities and what is

supported by the surgeon general a motion was made and duly second with two members voting in favor with one abstained. Agent Poole will prepare a public notice to be placed in the Vineyard Gazette the town's paper of record no later than Friday October 20, 2017.

At 6:45PM G. Sourati, PE was before the Board for a variance request posted at 6:15PM for his client S. Reiner owner at # 8 Young Street, Map 45, and Lot # 3. Mr. Sourati displayed the plans to the Board which detailed the failed septic system. Based upon the location of abutting wells, the variances necessary are to request reductions from abutting lots all less than two hundred feet. A 1500 gallon tank will be installed in place of the 1000 gallons with the new filed in the same location as the existing septic pit. He added, this is the best possible fit and will improve the well and septic separations. Agent Poole added we did get a call from an abutter who inquired to the requirement of advance treatment as he was subject to the same condition. Mention was made to the use of the property as a full time rental and if a sale is being considered. After further review a motion was made and duly seconded all in favor of the request with the condition when the sale transfers advance treatment technology will be added. Mr. Sourati thanked the Board and left the meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Anthony-Hathaway
Board Assistant

Approved on: _____

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