

Edgartown Board of Health  
Minutes of July 12, 2016

Harold T. Zadeh, Chair.

Kathie N. Case

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Payrolls and permits were approved. The Minutes of May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24, 2016 were approved.

Agent Poole provided the Board with an update of ongoing issues which included use of Daniels Farm by Donaroma's Landscape for composting and other garden related activities. A letter was generated and issued to the operator calling out the location of the compost pile as being too close to the property line, abutting wells and dwellings. Site visits were conducted by both the agent and assistant over the last two weeks. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

A brief discussion took place regarding the annual merit review for Assistant Hathaway which was continued until the next meeting.

**At 6:15PM Douglas Davies** was before the Board to discuss the number of bedrooms allowed for a home he owns with Pauliee Davies located at # 9 Huckleberry Hill Lane. Information was provided concerning the location of lots on Huckleberry Hill within the Lily Pond aquifer which limits the number of bedrooms allowed on each lot all served by on-site wells. The regulation states the nitrogen loading shall not exceed 16 lbs of nitrate nitrogen per year per 40,000 sq. feet of lot area. Mr. Davies stated he did not realize when he built the house he was restricted to only one bedroom, even though all permits issued were for a one bedroom house. The second floor of the home is currently being used as an office and storage by the occupant. He stated he would like to market the home as a three bedroom to insure he gets the highest value for the property. At this point, Board members were informed that even with advance treatment added the system could not provide nitrogen limits within the regulation. They indicated his sale value is not their concern and if he could consider a re-assignment of bedroom rights from any of the other two lots they own on the street. They currently have a five bedroom septic system located at # 11 Huckleberry Hill which was installed in 1993 as a special permit which could be upgraded to include advance treatment allowing two bedrooms and a loft on # 9 Huckleberry. Agent Poole added, in order to permit the one bedroom as three bedrooms flow would have to be obtained from a vacant lot the Davies are about to purchase know as Map 21, Lot # 127.13 as two bedrooms reduced from the three proposed. Mr. Davies stated he was not sure that is something the couple would be able to do at this time. It was restated if he was to reduce the bedrooms to two on the "new" vacant lot (#13) and added treatment to the existing five bedrooms septic they could market the existing one bedroom home on Lot # 4 as having three bedrooms. **Mr. Davies thanked the Board and left the meeting at 6: 56PM.**

The Board discussed the recent removal of a beached whale at South Beach left fork over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Water quality tests were conducted at the site and Norton Point which required the closure of the beach for a 24 hour period. Notice of the closure was provided to Comm. Of Mass DPH. The Board mentioned the role of the Assistant in the absence of the agent during this time period.

**Agent's Report**

Notice was provided to a recent pump failure for the septic system at the Winnetu Resort over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Repairs were made over a two day period with over 51,000 gallons of wastewater pumped at the Dunes Rd. location. No further action was taken by the Board at this time.

The Board was updated on progress made at the repairs to the Newes kitchen over the last few weeks. A complete renovation is in the process hopefully with a re-opening of the dining room for mid August.

A discussion took place regarding the position of seasonal food inspector and the timeline for training needed. Mention was made to a former food establishment owner who has indicated he would be interested in the position. It was determined Agent Poole will conduct inspections over the next six weeks until time can be set aside for training.

Information was provided concerning two recent housing inspections conducted by the Agent with violation orders issued to property owner Fisher, 8 Ninth Street and owner J. Pepper at 3 Nickel Lane. A time line was provided for correction which if not completed may required further enforcement and the structures deemed unfit for human habitation.

**There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Janet A. Hathaway, Assistant**

**Approved on: 8/9/2016**

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