

Edgartown Board of Health
Minutes of September 10, 2013

Harold T. Zadeh, Chair.

Kathie N. Case

Kevin Searle

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Payrolls were signed and the Minutes of August 27, 2013 were approved as written.

Correspondence

Agent Poole provided the Board with a draft of a proposed Island wide fertilizer regulation. The information detailed was also shared with members of the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen. Current regulations are in place for land located in the Edg. Ponds District by Con/Com this proposal would be to regulate all areas outside of the district, except agriculture related activities. Chair. Zadeh inquired to the interpretation of what is considered “organic fertilizers” and if the draft would regulate pesticides. Mention was made to a BOH regulation on Nantucket adopted in June of 2012 based upon reports submitted by Mass. Estuaries Programs that concluded nitrogen and phosphorus in fertilizers are contaminants. Agent Poole added this topic is on the agenda of the All Island BOS meeting later this week which he will attend. The Board indicated they will review the draft and would continue the discussion at a later date.

Information was provided regarding a proposed regulation change for restricting the sale of tobacco products and to include the sale of non-regulated nicotine delivery products. A draft model of the changes were discussed which outlined new language to ban sales in pharmacies, to add nicotine delivery products, electronic cigarettes, blunt wraps, a new fining structure, change in language for suspensions and to consider a cap on the number of permits issued. The members inquired to the current number of outlets permitted for sale in town and if there is a need to consider a cap. Agent Poole added this would clean up some of the existing regulations and add products that are not covered currently. An explanation of the new definitions was discussed along with the manner in which the Board would adopt the new regulations. At this time a motion was made and seconded all voting in favor to continue the discussion until the Board’s October 22, 2013 meeting.

Agents Report

The Board discussed the recent Mass/DPH/Div. of Marine Fisheries closure of the Katama Bay oyster farms on September 9th due to recent reports of several cases of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (Vp) tied to the oysters harvested from the area. DPH also issued a recall of oysters collected from the areas since August 1st. Agent Poole added, this is the first time the closure has occurred on the Island and only the second time a specific harvest area in Mass has been implicated in a Vp outbreak. He also stated he has been in direct contact with all of the food establishments where the Katama Bay oysters were sold and has guided them on continued food safety for all of their shell fish products.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Hathaway, Assistant

Approved on: _____

Harold T. Zadeh, Chair

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