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**BOARD OF HEALTH
February 23, 2021 – MINUTES**

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Meegan Lancaster, Garrett Albiston, Lorna Welch, Cody Coutinho

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

APPOINTMENTS:

- **Reid Silva on behalf of Jim Altomonte – 15 Second Ave., Map 11 Parcel 298**
 - Variance Request:
 - 1) Septic tank to property line separation; 10' required – 2' proposed
 - 2) Septic tank to crawlspace foundation separation; 10' required – 5' proposed
 - 3) Septic tank to waterline; 10' required – 2' proposed
 - 4) Leaching facility to waterline separation; 10' required – 8' proposed
 - 5) Leaching facility to property line separation; 10' required – 1' & 2' proposed
 - 6) Leaching facility to crawlspace foundation separation; 10' required – 4' proposed

Mr. Coutinho explained the reasons for the variance request is because of how tight the lot is and that there is a deck that takes up the entire backyard. They are proposing to put the tank on the cesspool (which is already filled in) side of the house because that's where the outlet is and put the leaching field out front where there is a parking area. They are proposing to do a geo membrane liner around the entire perimeter of the leaching field and put a PVC sleeve the waterline to protect it because it is close to the septic tank.

Mr. Zinno made a motion to approve. All in favor.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- **East Chop Lighthouse – discussion of lead and safety of property**

Ms. Lancaster spoke with Amy from the Parks Department regarding soil studies going on there because they found lead in the soil so they are waiting to find out the results from the Federal study to determine what the next steps for the town would need to be in terms of remediation if needed. She wanted to update the Board because a question was posed to her about posting warning signage.

Ms. Lancaster stated that local boards of health have purview over lead in residential structures and believes that the building Commissioner has purview over lead in commercial structures, but this is also a federally owned parcel so we would have no control over it. The concern is that the lead has traveled outside that parcel onto town property but that doesn't necessarily appear to be the case.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **January 12, 2021** – Approved with an adjustment.

AGENTS UPDATE:

- **COVID Management**
 - **Vaccine update**

Vaccines started up for the next group and they had about 1100 people signed up. The only constraint is the supply from the State. The best way to sign up is through MV Hospital and Patient Gateway. There was further discussion about vaccine effectiveness, personal experiences of signing up for vaccination and getting vaccinated.

- **Information about spread and new variants** - Postponed

Mr. Butterick asked if we would be involved in the situation with the playing fields. Ms. Lancaster stated that they withdrew their application for a tight tank. There was further discussion about the breakdown of the materials used for turf.

Mr. Zinno wanted to talk about the CWMP (Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan) and the Lagoon Ridge subdivision. Ms. Lancaster stated that this is not an agenda item and that we can add it to the next agenda if there is a need. Mr. Zinno asked if it can be an ongoing agenda item. He would also like to have a joint meeting with Tisbury and the engineers in the near future and will come up with a proposed date.

Mr. Butterick made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant