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BOARD OF HEALTH
March 4, 2021 – MINUTES
Joint Meeting with the Tisbury Board of Health

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Meegan Lancaster, Garrett Albiston, Lorna Welch, Doug Reese, Sherry Countryman, Patrick Hickey, Malcolm Boyd, Jeff Pratt, Michael Loberg, Maura Valley, Anastasia ???

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

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- Proposed nitrogen regulations for Lagoon Pond

Mr. Loberg presented a document of the regulations put in place in 2016 for the Town of Tisbury for the Deployment of Enhanced De-Nitrification (I/A) Technologies within the Lake Tashmoo and Lagoon Pond Watershed Nitrogen Overlay Districts. Mr. Loberg explained that the triggers requiring the use of I/A systems were milder and the septic systems we had available removed a very small portion of the nitrogen. These regulations are now in draft form for the two towns to update and potentially share the regulations.

Mr. Loberg stated that the health consequences have worsened dramatically particularly in the summer and could be worse this summer. We are working off of the Mass. Estuary Project Report which said if we are going to save these things for our grandchildren we will have to remove 6000 pounds (or 32%) of the nitrogen load that is going into Tashmoo and 5000 pounds (or 35%) of the load going into the lagoon. He continued to go through and explain and discuss each section of the regulations.

Some members of the public expressed concern over the cost to the residents and discussed possible ways to get financial assistance for this but overall were in support of the regulations. Also, there will be several public hearings and future discussions on this matter.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant

DOCUMENT(S): TOWN OF TISBURY, Board of Health Regulation, Section [##] Deployment of Enhanced De-Nitrification Technologies within the Lake Tashmoo and Lagoon Pond Watershed Nitrogen Overlay Districts [Revision Dated ##.#.2020]