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BOARD OF HEALTH
April 27, 2021 – MINUTES

Members Present: William White, Thomas Zinno

Members Not Present: Jim Butterick

Others Present: Meegan Lancaster, Garrett Albiston, Mike Tompkins, Chris Alley

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

APPOINTMENTS:

- **Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering on behalf of Robert Albert – 17 New York Ave., Map 8 Parcel 64**
 - Variance Request:
 - 1) Leaching facility to property line separation; 10' required – 2' & 9' proposed.
 - 2) Leaching facility to foundation separation; 20' required – 13' proposed (M 8 - P 65).
 - 3) Top of leaching chamber units to finish grade; 3' maximum allowed – 6' proposed.

Mr. Tompkins presented the variance requests to the Board. Ms. Lancaster stated that this is an abandoned house with a cesspool that she has had multiple complaints about so it's nice to see movement on getting it upgraded. Mr. Zinno made a motion to approve. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **March 4, 2021 - Postponed**

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- **CWMP Update**

Mr. Zinno stated that they are in the process of determining how many bedrooms are in the area that is to be sewered. He would like to meet with Ms. Lancaster and Mr. Albiston to go over the data. Ms. Lancaster stated that Mr. Albiston should attend the CWMP meetings so that it will help us to all be on the same page. Mr. Zinno agreed that Mr. Albiston should attend the next meeting.

AGENTS UPDATE:

- **East Chop Lighthouse**

Ms. Lancaster stated that she thinks this is on the agenda for tonight for the board of selectmen to give the coast guard permission to access the land for sampling. Also they realized that there's contamination outside the federal parcel so they're going to have to do additional little sampling to delineate a lead contamination

on the town property. The Massachusetts state historic preservation officials are requiring an archaeological survey to be conducted prior to the excavations. Once the archaeological work is complete, they will excavate and restore the soil on the federal parcel as well as any like contaminants on town property that is directly attributed to the federal parcels. They are expecting that because of the archaeological study and remediation cannot be conducted in a parallel process they are not going to be able to finish in June. They are planning for the remediation contractor to start work the week of September 13th and they think it's going to take about two weeks, and the site would be restored by the beginning of October.

- **Covid Management**

Ms. Lancaster stated that we have just over 4000 vaccine doses coming to the island this week and she believes 1200 already came in. There is a federal program with pharmacies for vaccination distribution and we obviously don't have any qualified pharmacies (mostly chain pharmacies) on the island. Island Health Care is a federally qualified health care center and the Federal Government is distributing directly to those federally qualified centers so they were able to leverage their status and get approximately 4000 vaccines delivered to the island. Because they have a Memorandum of Understanding Island Health Care is officially accepting them, except the hospital is really getting them and administering them.

- **Town Hall Tight Tank Leak**

Mr. Albiston stated that he noticed the tight tank at the temporary town hall was overflowing the other day so he notified the Highway Dept. and scheduled a pump-out with Kane Araujo. Mr. Araujo has ordered a new tank that should be here on Saturday and he will try to install it on Sunday so it won't affect town hall business on Monday. He's going to come down later this week to file the permit with us. He has been trying to track down who actually installed the tight tank here and no one seems to know but everything will be up and running again hopefully by Sunday.

- **Tight Tank overflow – 8 School St., Map 11 Parcel 339**

Ms. Lancaster stated that this is old School Street garage. Mr. Albiston stated that there is a tight tank that's been there forever and the owner's claim they didn't know it was there. We just realized that according to our records it hasn't been pumped since 2012 so we went down there and it was obviously overflowing. We issued them an order eleven days ago stating that they had to pump it and tie into the sewer line by yesterday. That has not happened yet but we have been assured more than once that Andy Farrissey has ordered their grinder pump and as soon as it comes in, it will be installed. The system owners brother will be coming in on Monday to prove to me that the pump has been ordered but Ms. Lancaster also told him that she had written them a letter back in 2019 and they told her that there was a pump on order so they certainly never followed through with that.

Ms. Lancaster stated that they shut the water off after they pumped it so it shouldn't be too much of a problem right now.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant