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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
August 11, 2020 – MINUTES**

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Lorna Welch

Others Not Present: Ms. Lancaster

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

APPOINTMENTS:

- Chris Alley on behalf of Laura Rich – 0 Fitchburg Ave., Map 13 Parcel 22 - Continued
 - To reduce the required distance from the proposed sanitary disposal facility to several neighboring sanitary disposal facilities from 300' down to 25'± (nearest Assessor Parcel 13-21)

Mr. White stated that Town Counsel determined that this is a buildable lot. Mr. Alley stated that this system has a 1500 gallon tank and a set of infiltrators. Title V requires a three bedroom system design as a minimum and because this system is a little bit smaller than a three bedroom system there is a deed restriction limiting the property to two bedrooms that has to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds, as per the plan.

Mr. Butterick stated that there is a letter that the homeowner sought from the Board of Health in 2003 to deem this an unbuildable lot so that she could get a tax abatement. There was further discussion regarding the prior determination of buildability of the property.

The Board voted to postpone approving the variance request to have Ms. Lancaster look into the possibility of the property owner owing back taxes due to the lot now being considered buildable. All in favor.

Mr. Zinno requested that the Board work on creating a regulation for the Lagoon Pond DCPC area to be required to install enhanced systems similar to the Vineyard Haven regulation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- Covid 19 ongoing management plan

Mr. Zinno has been putting the signs up around town and reported that he has seen much better compliance. He also suggested we get a report from the Police Dept. as to how the enforcement is going.

- Updates on downtown area – ferry service, outside dining, street closures

Mr. White stated that the Island Queen queuing area was very crowded and out of control. He passed the information to Ms. Lancaster so she could speak to the manager. Mr. Zinno stated that the line (in the morning) for Back Door Donuts is blocking that whole area up. Mr. White stated that Ms. Lancaster was going to speak to the manager and Mr. Packish was going to reach out to the owners which may be the way to go. Mr. Butterick stated that the mask wearing is better than it was a month ago. Mr. Zinno heard there were complaints on Facebook about people not wearing masks in the MVCMA/Campgrounds. There was further discussion about mask wearing compliance.

AGENT / ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:

- Mosquito Testing - Postponed
- Review of Assistant Health Agent job description - Postponed

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

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant.