

TOWN OF AQUINNAH

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 (postponed due to weather from 3/13/18)
Aquinnah Town Hall, 6pm

Present: James Glavin, Sarah Saltonstall and Juli Vanderhoop

Also Present: Mike Thompkins, Chris Ally, Phoenix Becker

Meeting came to order 6:05pm

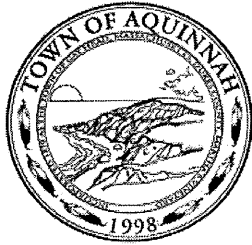
Public Hearing

Vanderhoop, 22 State Road (Map 8 Lot 30) septic system construction, Chris Alley presented plans to upgrade the existing 2006 septic system with a new septic tank and pump chamber that would accommodate the needs of the residence and bakery. The existing septic tank would be converted into a grease trap for the bakery and a new septic tank would be installed for the residence, eight rows of infiltrators would replace the existing four rows. The side of the leach field by the property line where the grade falls off steeply would be shielded with MBE40 which would force the water to break out lower (the field will be 4.5 feet below grade and cannot be lowered because of the high water table). Needed variances: separation from wetlands, separation from well across the street, separation from pond, and separation from Virginia's property line. Sarah moved to accept the plans as presented, Jim 2nd. Two ayes, 1 abstention (Juli V).

Close Public Hearing 6:20pm.

McDonald, 17 East Pasture Road (Map 8 Lot 76) well easement, Chris Alley presented plans for a proposed well on University of Indiana's property, to be used with an easement by the neighbor McDonald. This unconventional plan was created after McDonald drilled three dry wells before getting 5 gallons a minute for a fourth well that had poor water quality even with treatment. The proposed well would be paid for by McDonald and would be drilled 30 feet from University of Indiana's existing good well, in exchange McDonald would pay for University of Indiana's recently drilled well. An easement would be created for McDonald's well and the well line back to McDonald's property line. Juli motioned to accept the plan as proposed, Sarah 2nd. Three ayes. Jim wants a copy of the easement for BOH files.

Lake, 1 East Pasture Shore Place (Map 4 Lot 71) accessory apartment septic tie-in, Chris Alley presented plans to tie a 651 square foot accessory apartment into an existing six bedroom system installed in 2008. The existing house has only three bedrooms and the accessory apartment would only contribute an additional two bedrooms, staying below system capacity. Chris said that they already had approval from Conservation Commission and Planning Board. The accessory apartment has a kitchenette but no stove. Sarah felt they should not have a kitchen. Jim said that it is not in our purview. Juli motioned to accept Lake's proposed accessory apartment tie-in with no kitchen as shown, Jim 2^{ed}. Two ayes 1 abstention (Sarah). Chris said that he would send the BOH three new copies of the plans showing



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schedule 40 PVC. He would also send a check for the \$50 well permit, to swap out for the \$100 check received in error.

Litt, 11 Harpoon Hollow (Map 5 Lot 141.1) garage-barn septic tie-in, Mike Thompkins made a second appearance at the BOH meetings to present plans for Litt's septic tie-in after the site visit earlier that day. Litt would like to have a bathroom in their large barn style garage, but no bedrooms. They would be tying into an existing 13 bedroom septic system that serves three residences on family compound. Mike argued that the bathroom would be no more flow, like adding an extra bathroom in a house. Juli motioned to approve the Litt plan as a garage with bathroom, no bedrooms, no rec rooms and no apartment, just a garage as designed. Sarah 2nd. Two ayes, 1 abstention (Sarah).

Juli motioned to accept the 2/8 /18 minutes. Jim 2nd. All ayes.

Sarah suggested that the BOH make people get rid of junked cars, for clean water and environmental reasons. Juli said that it should go to Town Meeting for a vote as submitted by the BOH. Juli said Phoenix should ask Jeff if there is enough time to put a warrant on the Annual Town Meeting.

Health Agents Report

Phoenix told the BOH that Natalie had a lot of people coming to the LDO expecting to pay the new higher refused district bag and barrel rates and that they thought something was wrong that Aquinnah was not using the rates published in the newspaper. Should we match the LDO fees of the refused district of \$5.00 big bags/barrels, and \$3.00 for small kitchen bags? Juli motioned to accept, Sarah 2nd. All ayes. Sarah reported that Natalie is passing out sheets saying what can be recycled. Juli said she received a composting bucket. Jim said that Natalie is having a lot of difficulty getting the public to adhere to the new higher standards for clean, trash free recyclables.

Phoenix asked to BOH to set fees for permits issued by the BOH that did not have permit fees set. After a discussion of fees charged by other island BOH, the following fees were decided upon:

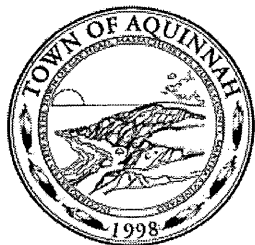
Residential Kitchen Permit \$50.00 (must have ServSafe)

Frozen Dessert Permit \$25.00 (machine must be cleaned daily and be tested weekly)

Summer Camps of Children Permit \$25.00 nonprofit \$50.00 for profit

Juli motioned to accept the permit fees as listed, Sarah 2nd. Three ayes. The BOH affirmed that they do not issue tent permits.

Phoenix discussed the status of the Commercial Kitchen in the Tribe's Community Building, after consulting with other island Health Agents it became clear that they all require a Plan Review for new Commercial Kitchens or significant alterations to an existing Commercial Kitchen. The BOH agreed with the need to do a Plan Review. Jim said that they need to submit plans for the proposed kitchen. Who is the architect? The required sinks are a dishwashing sink, a prep sink, a hand washing sink and a mop sink (this does not include bathroom sinks and bar sinks). Sarah asked if they plan to have a steam table?



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Phoenix told the BOH that the Rev. Leo Chrisian of the Community Baptist Church contacted her about their desire to install a composting toilet in the Church and wanted to know if a permit is required? Jim said that a permit is required and told Phoenix to research the regulation of Composting Toilets in other island towns. Sarah said that the Church currently has a broken incinolet. Sarah was concerned that a lot of composting toilets require a basement and the Church only has a crawlspace.

The upcoming Annual Report was discussed. Jim said that he has written it every year and would write it, if Phoenix gave him a list of permits, dental clinics, BP clinics ect. Sarah asked that she be noted as an RN.

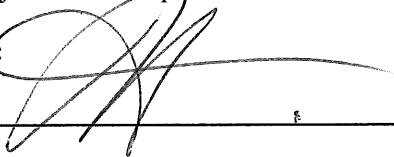
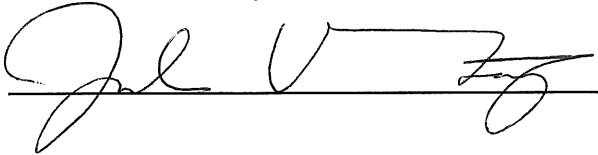

Sarah was concerned about the growing amount of litter at the cliffs, both the beach and around the shops. Sarah suggested banning the sale of food in Styrofoam container at the cliffs. Juli said that Styrofoam has already been banned at the cliffs. Sarah felt that straws should be banned as they accumulate on the beach. Sarah also felt plastic utensils are an issue. Juli said she only used compostable utensils at her shop. Sarah said some towns are banning plastic water bottles. Juli feels that the beach parking lot should only be selling water in large bottles at the beach, as small bottles tend to increase litter. Juli said that the town should hook the drinking water fountain back up. Sarah and Juli both agreed that was a good idea. Should it be installed at the Cliffs or at the Beach? Juli said she would have the Selectmen discuss it with Jay.

Jim said that after the recent storm he felt that getting an Emergency Radio for the BOH should be a priority before the fiscal year ends. Also consider purchasing other emergency supplies for the shelter, like MREs.

Jim motioned to adjourn the BOH meeting, Sarah seconded. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Approved:

Submitted by: Phoenix Becker