

TOWN OF AQUINNAH

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Minutes

Thursday, May 2th, 2019
Aquinnah Town Hall, 6pm

Present: James Glavin, Sarah Saltonstall and Juli Vanderhoop (left after Public Hearing)

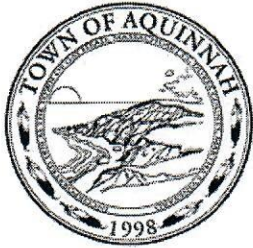
Also Present: Jacob Vanderhoop, Mike Thompkins, Chris Alley (arrived late) and Phoenix Becker.

Meeting came to order at 6:01pm

New Business Items for BOH Review and Discussion

Cerick/Fitzgerald, 3 Driftwood Lane (4-46). Mike presented plans for a temporary repair to an existing leaching system to remedy the effects of erosion that had left the D-box exposed on the beach. Sarah presented photos she had taken of the poor repair of the structure. Sarah said it needs to be condemned the house is going into the ocean. Mike 'they are trying to get through the summer. The D-box has eroded.' Jim asked when the survey was done. Mike 'A year ago, well may be two years.' Jim 'what is pertinent is the D-box on the beach. That is a problem.' Mike 'I'm here to fix that. We are trying to move the D-box back and get a summer out of it. Move it back 20' toward the tennis courts'. Sarah 'the tennis court is on the beach.' Mike 'no it is further back.' Sarah 'it will be soon.' Mike 'the owner plans to build a new house and a new septic further back after the summer.' Sarah 'it needs to be condemned.' Jim 'I'm concerned about the real possibility of effluent on the beach. The survey was done years ago, and erosion continues.' Mike 'actually it was done in 2014.' Jim 'That is a while ago. You are moving back the same distance as the erosion has moved in the last four years. This should have been done two years ago. Let's slow down. You have a problem. What is this existing revetment to be removed? How long has it been there? If anything, the revetment is accelerating the erosion.' Sarah 'it is unsafe to live there.' Juli 'I disagree about the house being unsafe, the deck maybe. I'm concerned about the corrective action.' Jim 'we could recommend that Lenny have a look at it. Frankly I'm concerned that the location you are proposing that moving the D-box is in jeopardy in the next 4-5 years.' Mike 'this is just to get through the summer. They plan to come back with plans to build a new house in the fall.' Jim 'You saying only the summer does not mean anything.' Mike 'I don't think they have intentions to protect the bank.'

Juli 'I motion that we put a condition that the system be failed as of September 2019. The owner had done justice to their other historic homes in town. They are in the process that is a step in the right direction.' Jim 'I will 2nd for discussion.' Sarah spoke at length about her concern that the house be condemned. Mike disputed the assertion that sewage was going onto the beach because the house is not currently occupied. Jim 'Mike, I'm looking at the plan and the dotted line as of X-mass last year.' Mike 'the D-box came out over this winter. It was last habituated last summer.' Jim 'the corner of the septic tank is at the



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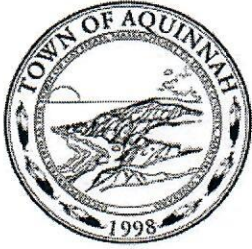
bank; one big storm could cause sewage to come out which is worse than effluent. We can make a request to Lenny to inspect it. If we focus just on the septic, I have a problem with that tank being there. This is a qualitative question; do they want to live in the house enough to move the tank back too?' Juli 'we could ask that they move the tank. I amend the condition that the septic tank be moved back at least 20' from the beach.' Sarah 'I don't think there are 20' there.' Jim 'we have to believe the survey it is Reid's license.' Juli 'they are being proactive, and it is only until September, they are taxpayers.' Jim 'we have a motion on the table that the system be moved back 20' and move the D- box and only used through September.' Jim 'I'll 2nd the motion.' Mike 'I will bring back a new plan showing where things are.' Two ayes, one nay. Jim 'Phoenix send something in writing to Reid's office with conditions. Move septic tank back 20' from top of bank and that has a time limit until October 1st, 2019; as of October 1st the septic permit will be revoked. Mike, we expect to see future plans.'

Aquinnah Shop requested meeting with BOH. Jacob Vanderhoop addressed the Board of Health saying 'I'm here about Phoenix's reservations about our new mop sink in the employee bathroom also being a handwashing sink. I don't see why it can't also be a handwashing sink.' Jacob shared pictures of the sink with the Board. Jim and Sarah responded that it looked very nice. Jim asked if it is possible to put both sinks in the bathroom? Jacob 'it is a small bathroom'. Jim 'my take is if space is restricted technically the word of the law you are supposed to have separate sinks. You need to wash hands and you need to dump buckets. I don't have a problem with this.' Sarah 'neither do I.'

Herskovits, 10 Deer Path (6-106) septic tank replacement. Chris Alley presented plans to move the septic tank over 10' to accommodate an addition to the house and replace it with a larger 1,500-gallon tank. Chris noted that the current tank was undersized, and the project already had ConCom approval. Sarah asked if you could see the burial ground from there? Chris 'yes, they had to do an archaeological survey for their addition.' Juli motioned to approve the plans as presented. Sarah 2nd. All ayes.

Public Hearing opens 6:55 pm:

Gerhan/ UMB Bank, 315 State Road (11-47) septic system upgrade. Chris Alley presented plans for a five-bedroom system with pump chamber that would serve two houses on the property. Chris noted that the two houses are currently served by sperate septics that both have issues and have to be pumped regularly and are very close to Herring Creek. Chris 'the owners would like to add a bedroom, but it will be accessed through an existing bedroom, so the bedroom count remains two bedrooms. Mass Historical has recommended an archaeological survey, we did a test hole up by the stump and the soil was only OK, we tried a second hole but had to stop for archology. There are a lot of wetland near bye. The D-box will be H-20 to protect from cars.' Sarah 'so the current septic could be draining into the creek?' Chris 'we don't know where it does. We don't meet 120' to wetlands. We have Planning Board approval.' Juli 'I would like to hear from Powel. I motion subject to Powel coming through with no findings of



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significance that this septic be approved as designed.' Jim 'where was the old well?' Chris 'it was a point in a pit down the creek that failed.' Sarah 2nd. All ayes.

Close Public Hearing 7:05 pm

Juli Vanderhoop leaves for another meeting.

The March 7th, 2019 BOH minutes were read and reviewed. Jim motioned to approve the minutes as written. Sarah seconded. All ayes.

Old Business Review of Board of Health Regulation

Didiuk, 6 Old South Road (9-44 & 58.1) review of A/I system contract. Phoenix informed the Board that Mike had located an access pipe used to inspect and replace the systems UV bulbs and found the bulb burned out and was in the process of replacing it.

Health Agents Report

Phoenix gave an update on the permit and application status of the seven food establishments in town. Phoenix informed the BOH that the Selectmen were close to hiring an Animal Control Officer, once that occurs the BOH can appoint that person as our Inspector of Animals. This will make the Mass Department of Agriculture happy since they have been contacting us about the need to appoint an Inspector of Animals. Phoenix asked Jim if he had sent his letter to the BOS about the BOH request for a legal consult regarding casino permitting. Jim 'yes, I sent it to the Town Administrator.' Jim 'I would like you to ask Jeff for a copy of the BOH budget that is going to Town Meeting so we can review it.' Jim 'I will talk to Jeff about his promise to help us get the LDO shack insulated after we get through Town Meeting.'

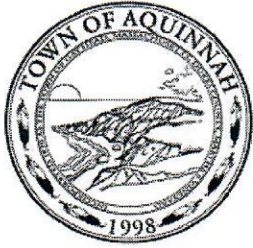
Board of Health Assistant Comp Time for 2019 Season

Phoenix asked the Board to approve her use of Comp Time at a rate of five hours a week during July and August to be used for summer inspections, beach testing and assisting the public. Sarah motioned five hours a week for July and August for Phoenix. Jim 2nd. All ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Approved:



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Submitted by: Phoenix Becker