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MINUTES
EASTHAM BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022 AT 3PM
EARLE MOUNTAIN ROOM AT TOWN HALL

Present: Dr. Joanna Buffington (Chair), Francie Williamson, Adele Blong, Hope Plavin, Jane Crowley, Susan Barker, Karen Chimwaza

I. NOTIFICATION OF VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING
II. OPENING STATEMENTS

Dr. Buffington provided a summary of the joint regulatory boards meeting that occurred on June 21, 2022.

Mrs. Crowley provided a summary of the month's activities:

- The Health Department has been very active with opening inspections for businesses and rental inspections.
- An additional 900 COVID test kits were received. A distribution plan is being developed with possible distribution by the Summer Sanitarian at popular locations (i.e. transfer station or library). Please send any ideas to Mrs. Crowley.
- Weekly testing of the bathing beaches has started. For 2 successive weeks, Salt Pond was closed. Salt Pond is central to the Targeted Wastewater Management Plan (TWMP).
- MEP Sampling starts July 5.
- MA Department of Environmental Protection is planning big changes to Title 5. A section of Title 5 applies to designated nitrogen sensitive areas. MA DEP has never designated nitrogen sensitive areas, but plans to do so. Those areas would be subject to strict high level requirements.
- Dr. Joanna Buffington was thanked for her 10 years of service.

III. REVIEWS – VOTE MAY BE TAKEN

1. SANDRA & JOSEPH CELONA 150 TURNIP RD M7 P509

Laura Schofield of Schofield Brothers presented a plan for a proposed 3 bedroom septic system on a 20,911 sq. ft. vacant lot for new construction. The proposed septic system includes a 1500 gallon septic tank with Orenco Advantex AX20 treatment unit, distribution box, and a 25' x 12.8' x 2' soil absorption system.

Ms. Williamson moved to approve with the following conditions:

1. No increase in design flow be allowed. Any increase in habitable square footage would require Board of Health review and abutter notification

2. Secondary treatment and monitoring under provisional use approval conditions DEP regulations including testing quarterly (or 2 times per year for seasonal use) for total nitrogen, BOD, TSS, Nitrate-nitrogen not to exceed 19 mg/l. After 2 year period of time reduction of testing could be requested to BOH by owner.
3. Operation and maintenance agreement to be submitted to EBOH. Operation and maintenance agreement to be required for life of the system. Operator to report results via Carmody Data Base provided through Barnstable County Health or directly to the Eastham Health Department if not available.
4. Deed restriction for 3 Bedroom use and use alternative technology requirement to be recorded on deed.
5. Designer to verify proper operation of the system prior to issuance of Certificate of Compliance
6. Dwelling to be connected to municipal water.

Ms. Plavin seconded the motion.

Approved 4-0

IV. COVID UPDATES/MASK MANDATE DISCUSSION – VOTE MAY BE TAKEN

Mrs. Crowley provided an update on COVID-19 cases in Eastham. There were 12 cases from 6/7/22-6/21/22. These numbers do not include home tests. Test kits are available at the Health Department if anyone needs one.

V. MINUTES - VOTE MAY BE TAKEN

Dr. Buffington moved to approve with amendments.
Ms. Blong seconded the motion.

Approved 4-0

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Buffington moved to adjourn.
Ms. Blong seconded the motion.

Approved 4-0