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**TOWN OF HARWICH BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA
TUESDAY- DECEMBER 19, 2023 -6:30 P.M.
HARWICH TOWN HALL – DONN B. GRIFFIN ROOM
MEETING MINUTES**

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Sharon Fleger, M.S., Clerk Ronald Dowgiallo, D.M.D. & Member Kevin DuPont, R.N.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chairwoman Pamela Howell, R.N.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Health Director Carrie Schoener, R.S., C.H.O., Senior Health Agent Meredith Ballinger & Executive Assistant Stephanie Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: David & Alison LeBleu & David Spitz

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Sharon Fleger called to order at 6:30p.m.

II PUBLIC COMMENT -

III MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Regular Meeting Minutes) — None

IV OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

V NEW BUSINESS

- A. **VARIANCE REQUEST 310 CMR 15.00 – 1685 ORLEANS ROAD – 310 CMR 15.223(b)** seeking relief of 15.223(b) when design to serve facilities other than a single family dwelling a two-compartment tank or two tanks in series is required - *Vote to accept/deny/take this under consideration.*

The owner, David LeBleu was present and is requesting approval of a Variance from Title Five to use his existing septic system and add an Accessory Dwelling Unit at 1685 Orleans Road, considering he is on the list to be connected to sewer in Phase 3. The applicant seeks relief of the following Title Five Requirements: 15.223: Septic Tanks (1) Septic tanks shall have the following capacities: (b) When designed to serve facilities other than a single-family dwelling unit or whenever the calculated design flow is 1,000 gallons per day or greater, a two-compartment tank or two tanks in series are required. The design of the tanks shall be in accordance with 310 CMR 15.224 for multiple compartment tanks and 310 CMR 15.225 for tanks in series. At a minimum, the total, combined effective liquid capacity of both tanks in series or of the multiple compartment tank shall not be less than 1,500 gallons. There were some discrepancies noted on the floor plan provided versus the floor plan that was in our file. The rooms in question were a dining room and an office space. The dining room was confirmed through photos that a large pass-through opening into the dining room that would eliminate it being defined as a bedroom.

Motion: Clerk Ronald Dowgiallo, D.M.D motioned to grant the variance with the condition that the Health Director or Senior Health Agent provide a walk through to confirm total bedroom count.

2nd: Mr. DuPont seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0-0

VI REPORT OF THE HEALTH DIRECTOR- Health Director Report for December 2023

Carrie Schoener presented the Health Director's report as provided in the packet. No action was taken.

Exhibits: Report of the Health Director

VII CORRESPONDENCE-

- *DEP Extension date for Best Nitrogen Reducing Technology*

DEP has extended the requirement timeframe for new constructions to come to compliance with the best nitrogen reducing technology requirements. We still do not believe that this will not have impact in Harwich for best nitrogen reducing as we are moving forward with our notice of intent for the watershed permitting for the watersheds in town.

VIII PERMITS- New Licenses listed below- none

IX OTHER -Vote to accept/deny/take this under consideration.

Motion: Kevin DuPont motioned to close the Board of Health Meeting and open the work session meeting

2nd: Matt Antoine

Vote: 4-0-0-0

X BOARD OF HEALTH WORK SESSION -None

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR – DAVID SPITZ- To discuss with the Board Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Harwich- *Vote to accept/deny/take under consideration.*

Mr. Spitz informed the Board that the Planning Committee Community is working on revising the Local Comprehensive Plan. They are performing outreach to the boards and committees to spread the word of their survey and what they are hoping to achieve from their survey. The purpose of survey is to determine what the Town's main issues are and what should be addressed in the next 5-10 years. Mr. Spitz then asked the Board what the main issues in Harwich are and what should be addressed over the next 5-10 years.

Mr. DuPont commented on the general loss of healthcare workers on Cape Cod due to the lack of affordable housing. Chairwoman Pfleger added to Mr. DuPont's comments affordable housing vs. Workforce housing – the questionnaire supplied in the packet was incomplete and only showed one page of a 30-question survey. Further discussion of housing and the states definition of affordable housing and work force housing. Chairwoman Pfleger stated that more housing will then impact wastewater and our CWMP. Mr. DuPont noted lack of housing from his perspective as a nurse lack of health care. Outer Cape health is finding it difficult to hire and retain nurses and primary care physicians due to lack of affordable housing. Mr. Spitz also noted a change in traffic patterns he stated it used to be that people lived on Cape Cod and commuted off Cape for work, now you are seeing more traffic for commuters traveling to Cape Cod for work. The housing production plan was last updated 7-8 years ago and is currently being updated. The board continued to discuss the wastewater aspect of increase housing.

XI ADJOURN- *Vote to accept/deny/take under consideration.*

Motion: Kevin DuPont motioned to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:15pm.

2nd: Matt Antoine

Vote: 4-0-0-0

Next Meeting Date January 17 ,2024

Authorized posting officer:

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Stephanie Johnson 12/8/2023

Signature

Date

Town Clerk

Date

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