**Aquinnah Board of Health**

***Minutes***

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

**4 PM**

**In attendance**: Gerald Green, Chair. Kathy Newman. Jim Benoit, Marina Lent (Agent) by phone

**Engineers present**: Cody Coutinho, George Sourati

**Physical Address, Map/Lot number:**  44 Old South Rd (9-158.2)

**Applicant**: Vanderhoop

**Presenter**: None present

**Description**: failed septic system previously discussed by the BOH. Per System Inspector Doug Cooper, only the leaching field requires repair.

**Discussion**: Prior original plans reviewed, with new leaching field to be placed in Reserve Area

**Variances Requested**: None

**Variances Granted**: None

**Conditions Attached**: Installer must confirm soils prior to final installation with Marina present. Additional infiltrators to be placed for added efficiency.

**Motions and Votes**: Repair unanimously **approved**. The Board did NOT APPROVE a separate gray water system, and installer will be contacted with results of Board consideration.

**Physical Address, Map/Lot number:** 14 East Pasture Rd (8-63)

**Applicant**: Shea

**Presenter**: Cody Coutinho, VLS

**Description**: Prior septic plan approved, but house excavation has necessitated moving location of tanks and re-grading property

**Discussion**: New proposed locations of tanks and grade were reviewed in detail

**Variances Requested**: None

**Variances Granted**: None

**Conditions Attached**: None. Installer to pick up approved plan and permit

**Motions and Votes**: Unanimous in favor of minor revisions

**Physical Address, Map/Lot number:** 276 Lighthouse Rd (5-35)

**Applicant**: Leonard

**Presenter**: None

**Description**: Well construction approval sought

**Discussion**: Plans for proposed well were reviewed in detail

**Variances Requested**: None

**Variances Granted**: None

**Conditions Attached** : Following well placement, well completion report must be provided prior to release of other permits relating to the property.

**Motions and Votes**: Unanimously **approved**

**Physical Address, Map/Lot number:** Physical Address : 832 State Road (9-137)

**Applicant**: Trede

**Presenter**: None

**Description**: Well has failed. Requesting new well placed close to State Rd – plans reviewed in detail.

**Discussion**: Plans reviewed.

**Variances Requested** : None-

**Variances Granted** :None-

**Conditions Attached** : Per BOH protocol, once well has been developed, reporting to BOH must be done.

**Motions and Votes**: Unanimously **approved**

**Physical Address, Map/Lot number:** 371 State Rd (11-44)

**Applicant**: Hydeman

**Presenter**: Sourati

**Description**: Previously approved septic system needed some revision due to Native features being identified necessitating moving tanks and modifying some excavation where leaching field to be placed. No new variances were requested other than what was previously approved.

**Discussion** : Revised plans reviewed in detail. Consensus was that these changes were minor and accomplished all engineering goals.

**Variances Requested**: No new variances

**Variances Granted**: Existing approved variances

**Conditions Attached**: Engineer was made aware that if there are other unanticipated issues during the excavation/installation of system, prompt notification of BOH required.

**Motions and Votes**: Unanimously **approved**

**Health Agent updates by telephone:**

1. NACCCHO grant for Emergency Preparedness- Marina Lent explained that there should be a secondary public health emergency preparedness representative for the town, particularly in the event of an emergency which cuts the town off from down-island and precludes her presence on-scene. Chief Belain had offered to be “secondary” EP officer, but because he lives out of town, Marina will consult with him to confirm or develop an alternative.
2. Marina Lent reported on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which needs to be agreed among Island Boards of Health as the approving authorities for the Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative. She will ensure that Board members have the latest draft for review.
3. Marina Lent reported on a draft Intermunicipal Agreement Regarding Use and Expenditure of Certain Opiod Abatement Funds. The Agreement would pool municipal abatement funding to support staffing for the existing SUD Coalition, which has been active for almost a decade. Kathy Newman noted that activities of the Coalition need to encompass up-Island activities. The Board asked Marina Lent to invite Jeff Madison to next meeting to solicit his input.