



TOWN OF CHILMARK
CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS

Board of Health

401 Middle Road
Post Office Box 119
Chilmark, MA 02535
Tel: (508) 645-2105
Fax (508) 645-2110
E-mail: boh@chilmarkma.gov
Hours: 9am to 2pm, M-F

To: Chilmark Board of Selectmen
On: February 18, 2016
Fm: Chilmark Board of Health

Re: Menemsha Bathhouse renovation: *addendum*

At its meeting of February 17, 2016, the Board of Health continued its discussion regarding the proposed renovation of the Menemsha Bath House.

In addition to the measures outlined below, the Board notes that the septic system serving the bathhouse has had numerous "band-aid" improvements over the years. **The Board feels that a bathhouse upgrade should trigger a full septic system inspection and possible upgrade and/or additions to the infiltrator bed.**

The Board would like to recommend the following:

- Waterless urinals in the men's room;
- Dual-flush toilets throughout the facility;
- Self-regulating faucets;
- Low-flow showerheads and timed use (in addition, the town could consider providing a price-incentive for sparing use of water: the first 5 minutes are low-cost, the next 5 would cost more, and the price goes up in increments the longer the shower runs);
- Septic-friendly toilet paper;
- Clear directives to the public about what *not* to flush down the toilet.

In order to be effective, these and similar measures must be accompanied by active observation of the system and conscientious maintenance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Carroll

Katherine L. Carroll,
Chair, Chilmark Board of Health