

Truro Board of Health Minutes
April 22, 2015
4:30 PM-Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Chair-Tracey Rose, Vice Chair-Jason Silva, Clerk-Mark Peters, Dianne Eib, Tim Rose, Alternate-Ansel Chaplin
Others Present: Health Agent-Pat Pajaron

Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. She stated that the meeting was being recorded, and asked if anyone in the audience was recording as well. No one replied in the affirmative.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

April 7, 2015

Two corrections: 1.) Page 2, first sentence: change "issued" to "issue", 2.) Page 4, Item #6, first sentence: change "have" to "has".

Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the minutes as printed.

Ms. Eib seconded this motion.

Ansel abstained, did not attend April 7th meeting.

Vote: 5-0-1, motion carries.

REPORTS

Water Resources Oversight Committee

Mr. Peters reported that there was discussion on the condominium article proposed at Town Meeting. It was the unanimous opinion of WROC to wait until there was further discussion about why existing year round cottage colonies don't count as affordable housing since they are being occupied by working class people.

Health Agent's Report

Business Licensing: Ms. Pajaron discussed the current status of business licenses as far as who hasn't filed applications yet, who is in progress and who isn't opening (Beach Point Pagodas, White Sands Beach Club).

Septic Installs: 586 Shore Rd septic has been installed, final inspection is set for Monday. Moorlands had until May 1st to get septic in ground but Ms. Pajaron has not heard whether or not that will happen. Mr. Peters made a statement about Moorlands, saying that it has been an asset to the Town and he hopes that we can continue to work with the applicant. Ms. Rose asked if he was working off a temporary license and Ms. Pajaron informed her that he did not hold a license of any kind at this point in time. Mr. Rose asked if he started any of the procedures at all; Ms. Pajaron answered in the negative.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Amendments to the Truro Board of Health Regulations Section V, Transfer Station Rules and Regulations, Article 5, Use and Operation of the Transfer Station, Section V Article 9 Fee Schedule, Refuse Hauler Users and Section XVII Fee Schedule, Refuse Hauler Permits

Ms. Rose prefaced the conversation stating that the Town Administrator and DPW Director approached the Board of Health this winter with concerns over the fact that the tonnage numbers in a 6 month period were almost doubled compared to the fiscal year from the previous year because the SEMASS tipping fees themselves have more than doubled. Ms. Rose informed the Board/Public that the large compacting trucks pay per cubic yard (current fee structure) when they drop off at the Transfer Station while the Town of Truro pays per ton. As a result, the Board of Health voted to prohibit compactor trucks. Ms. Rose opened topic for discussion amongst the Board and the public. Ms. Eib stated that one of the big concerns that has been brought to the Board's attention is that the surrounding Towns started to prohibit compactor trucks, so now they come to the Truro Transfer Station which then creates the added tonnage for Truro. Mr. Norton, DPW Director, approached the Board and stated that so far there has been a \$21,000 increase. All tonnage is estimated by cubic yard because the Transfer Station does not have proper equipment, i.e. a scale. Ms. Eib stated that her concern is that commercial haulers are not promoting recycling. Mr. Norton responded that he would like to institute a single stream recycling system at the Transfer Station. Mr. Peters stated his concerns regarding the commercial haulers abusing the system. Matthew Frazier, MA Frazier, approached the Board and discussed the change that the Board of Health made a couple of years ago, with regards to commercial establishments and how they disposed of their refuse, which in turn created more trash coming in via commercial haulers. Mr. Frazier and Ms. Rose discussed looking into portable scales. Mr. James Roderick approached the Board and asked Mr. Norton (in the crowd) about Town revenue. Mr. Norton explained that his main concern is that Town of Truro citizens should not have to pay for Provincetown & Wellfleet's trash. Mr. Roderick voiced concern on where he is going to bring trash this summer. Ms. Rose informed the public that there is no time to figure another way because the Town is going in to deficit, so something needs to be done now until they can figure out a long term solution. Mr. Steve Roderick approached the Board and suggested raising the rates because it's not fiscally feasible for haulers to be driving all the way up Cape to dispose of trash. Driving this distance has an effect on Truro taxpayers because the haulers would have to raise their rates. Ms. Rose stated that the regulation does not prohibit haulers from bringing trash to the transfer station, but they would have to bring it in with a vehicle other than a large compacting truck. Mr. Peters proposed to endorse the regulation on a temporary basis and then to come back in 2 weeks with a fee for compactors on a tonnage basis, a quote for scales, and a regulation regarding for foreign garbage being dumped in Truro and penalties involved. Mr. Norton said it is almost impossible to regulate where the trash is coming from. He feels that compactors should be prohibited indefinitely and stated that the plan was for the scales to be used for weighing pick-up trucks. Mr. Rose questioned how that was even feasible for the Town. Mr. Norton felt that the Town would see the return on their investment within a year or two. Mr. Rose disagreed. Mr. Montano approached the Board and expressed two concerns: 1.) as a local business owner, he feels that the local trash haulers are not going to want to come pick up his trash and he will have to use a large off-cape company, which he prefers not to do, 2.) what will he do with his trash if those haulers won't take it (which would mean he wouldn't have a dumpster on site). Mr. Silva asked when the capping of the landfill might be done & certified, Mr. Norton replied within the year. Mr. Peters felt the regulation was too draconian and he wanted to help local business, not put them out of business. Discussion ensued with regards to increasing fees.

Mr. Peters made a motion to approve amendment to the Board of Health Regulations with a proviso that within 30 days the BOH, working with the DPW Director, try and find a temporary solution to the problem.

Ms. Eib suggested 60 days and seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-1, motion carries, Mr. Rose abstained.

2. Cape Breeze Condominium, 307-314 Shore Rd., Request to Add RKM Property Management as Co-Manager/Amend Motel License and Approve Renewal of Motel License (continued from 4/7/15)

Mr. Mills, RKM Property Management, was not present.

Mr. Peters made a motion to remove this from the agenda.

Mr. Rose seconded this motion.

Vote: 5-0, motion carries.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Review and Approval for Extension of Sampling Variance for Tier III Beaches: Ballston, Coast Guard, Corn Hill, Fisher, Great Hollow, Head of the Meadow, Ryder, Longnook

Ms. Rose questioned how long the extension would be for. Ms. Pajaron answered 4 years and informed the Board that these beaches were sampled monthly.

Mr. Eib made a motion to approve the extension of the sampling variance.

Mr. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5-0, motion carries

The board voted to empower Pat Pajaron, Health Agent, to sign the documents.

2. Discussion of proposed draft statement for Town Meeting Warrant Article W: Zoning Amendment – Conversion of Cottage of Cabin Colony, Motor Court, Motel and Hotel Year Round Use

Ms. Rose and Ms. Eib did not have a written statement as far as the stance the BOH is taking on this issue. Ms. Eib suggested they take the same opinion as WROC. The Board of Health stated that they will not endorse this warrant article.

LICENSING RENEWAL APPROVALS:

1. Joaquim Bento, White Village, 345 Shore Rd., Motel License
2. Tony Mota, White Village, 334 Shore Rd., Motel License
3. Joseph Days, Days Cottages, 271 Shore Rd., Motel License
4. Jane Donoghue, Ocean Breeze Condominium, 566 Shore Rd., Motel License

Ms. Pajaron confirmed that all four businesses are in good standing.

Mr. Peters motioned to approved all applications.

Mr. Rose seconded.


Vote: 5-0, motion passes.

Mr. Peters offered to give anyone who was interested, historical information on why the transfer station was designed the way it was.

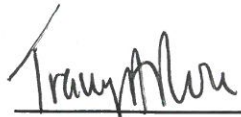
Ms. Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Silva seconded.

Respectfully submitted,



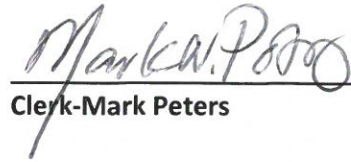
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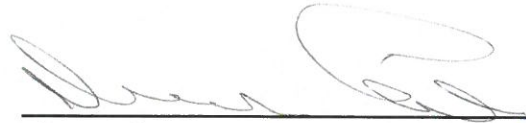
Chair-Tracey Rose



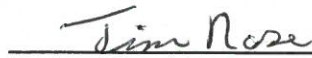
Vice Chair-Jason Silva



Clerk-Mark Peters



Dianne Eib



Tim Rose



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