

**Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday January 2, 2024**

This was a hybrid meeting; members of the Board and staff were in person at Truro Town Hall in the Select Board chambers.

**Board members in attendance:** Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva; Board Members: Helen Grimm, Brian Koll, and Alternate Member Candida Monteith; Absent: Member Tim Rose  
Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren.

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Proposed Change of Manager:** 148 Shore Rd, Big Fisherman, Joe McKay new manager  
There was no representative at the meeting either in person or virtually.

**Proposed Change of Owner:** 481 Route 6, Montano's restaurant  
Ed Medeiros, the proposed new owner, was at the meeting. Chair Tracey Rose commented on the thoroughness of his application. Ed Medeiros confirmed that the transfer has not happened yet as they are waiting on the state for the liquor license transfer. Chair Tracey Rose asked if Ed Medeiros understood the importance of septic system maintenance and board member Brian Koll asked about the 24 hour emergency number. Each Board member welcomed Mr. Medeiros to the community. **Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the license change.  
**Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0, The motion carried.

**Reorganization of the Board Officers**

**Nomination:** Chair Tracey Rose nominated Jason Silva to serve as Vice Chair.; **Second:** Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0.

**Nomination:** Board member Jason Silva nominated Tracey Rose to serve as Chair; **Second:** Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0.

**Nomination:** Board member Jason Silva nominated Brian Koll to serve as clerk.; **Second:** Helen Grimm. **Vote:** 5-0-0.

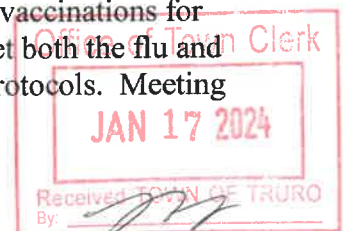
**Minutes:** November 7, 2023; **Motion:** Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the November 7, 2023 minutes.; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion passed.  
December 5, 2023; **Motion:** Board member Jason Silva moved to continue until the next meeting; **Second:** Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0.

**Report of the Chair:**

The chair is working on a draft of goals and objectives for the year and will bring them to the next meeting.

**Health Agent's Report:**

The Agent reported that the Whitman House will not be operating in 2024. The MA Department of Public Health has a vaccination dashboard on its website, showing that vaccinations for flu/COVID RSV statewide are low. The Agent encouraged residents to get both the flu and covid shots. She also recommended continuing to test and follow covid protocols. Meeting



participant Karen Ruymann asked about the Truro specific vaccination rates. The Agent will email her with the link to the state site: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/immunizations-for-respiratory-diseases>. The Agent then asked board member Dr. Brian Koll if he had more information to add. He reported that the newest covid vaccine is still effective against the currently circulating variants (still in the Omicron family). He recommended that those at high risk get the booster and that the influenza vaccine can be given at the same time. Board member Candida Montieth asked about the RSV vaccine. Dr. Koll stated that it appears that this vaccine will be effective for two years and he recommended that all those age 60+ and anyone who smokes get the RSV vaccine.

**Board member Jason Silva moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Board member Helen Grimm; Vote: 5-0-0, the motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted by Courtney Warren* CW

