

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday January 4, 2022

This was a remote meeting. Board members in attendance: Vice Chair, Jason Silva; Board members: Helen Grimm, Brian Koll; Also Present: Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM by the Vice Chair, Jason Silva and he announced the remote meeting procedures and described the process for public participation.

AGENDA ITEMS

Variance Requests/Local Upgrade Approval: 127 & 133 South Pamet Rd: The Agent stated that she had received a request to continue the matter to February 1st.

Motion: Board Member Helen Grimm moved to continue the variance hearing to the Board's February 1st, 2022, meeting;

Second: Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 3-0-0 ; the motion passed

Discussion on COVID-19: The Agent discussed the need for test kit availability for the Outer Cape residents, as kits were sold-out at retail settings. Eastham had received kits from DPH as a social justice community; the Outer Cape towns were also discussing forming a purchasing coalition to buy kits in bulk for their citizens. Barnstable County is offering many different vaccine clinics across the Outer Cape for children and adults; more information is available through www.BarnstableCountyhealth.org. The Agent reviewed the new quarantine and isolation protocols for vaccinated and unvaccinated people. There was a request by Karen Ruyman for the Town to issue a press release or other communication to educate the public about home how to properly use the COVID-19 antigen tests.

Section 6 revisions- Vice Chair Jason Silva suggested moving the section 6 amendments to the January 18th Board of Health meeting due to Board Members being absent.

Motion: Board Member Brian Koll moved to continue the Section 6 revisions to the January 18th, 2022, Board of Health meeting;

Second: Board Member Helen Grimm seconded; **Vote:** 3-0-0 ; the motion passed.

Re-Organization of the Board:

Chair Jason Silva suggested continuing the discussion to the January 18th meeting when more Board members are available.

Motion: Board Member Brian Koll moved to continue the discussion till the January 18, 2022 Board of Health meeting;

Second: Board Member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 3-0-0; the motion passed.

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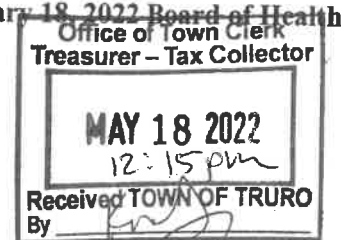
September, October 2021: Consideration of the minutes was moved to the January 18, 2022 Board of health meeting.

Motion: Board Member Brian Koll moved that the minutes be discussed at the January 18, 2022 meeting of the Board Of Health;

Second: Board Member Helen Grimm ; **Vote:**3-0-0 ; the motion passed.

The Health Agent's Report – wastewater and planning update :

The Agent shared that Scott Horsley, who is a water consultant, works with the Town of Wellfleet on their comprehensive watershed management plan has also been working with Truro to address their contribution to the Chequessett lens, which discharges water into the Wellfleet Harbor. Mr. Horsley has also contracted with the Town of



Truro to create the framework for a Groundwater Resources master plan. There was brief discussion on the MEP(Massachusetts Estuaries Project)

Board Member Helen Grimm asked whether the Health Agent or the Board Members had any information on the effectiveness of the home tests for testing the Omicron variant accurately. Board Member Brian Koll described that serial testing is suggested for accurate results. PCR tests are more sensitive and specific statistically, but that serial testing with an antigen test will likely be 90% accurate.; he suggested going straight to the FDA site for information about the specific type of test.

Motion: Board Member Helen Grimm moved to adjourn the meeting;
Seconded by Board Member Brian Koll **Vote:** 3-0-0 ; the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Nina Richey

