

**Truro Board of Health Minutes
July 17, 2018
4:30 PM-Truro Town Hall**

**Members Present: Chair Tracey Rose, Member Tim Rose, Vice-Chair Jason Silva.
Others Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe**

Chair Tracey Rose called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. Ms. Rose requested that everyone speak clearly for the video recorder. She asked if anyone in the audience was recording. No one replied in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM: 1. PRESENTATION

Presentation on Innovative Alternative Systems ("IA systems") made by Brian Baumgaertel, Environmental Specialist with the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment. The Board of Health has been actively discussing and researching current regulations regarding IA systems. Health Agent Emily Beebe briefs the board on the various septic systems utilized in Truro. The Town of Truro currently has 22 IA systems in place. Mr. Baumgaertel provides an overview of IA systems, how the various components function, and their utilization in both seasonal and year-round residences. The benefits of phosphorous and nitrogen removal/reduction, as well as the removal/reduction of contaminants and pharmaceuticals, are far more effectively removed by IA systems as opposed to standard Title 5 systems. IA systems reduce 50% of nitrogen 70 – 79% of the time; a standard Title 5 system provides approximately a 25% reduction in nitrogen. Mr. Baumgaertel then speaks to the differences in failures of IA systems, as well as homeowner responsibilities concerning issues of compliance and system failures.

There were questions from the public about: How does the IA system perform on a year-round basis as opposed to a seasonal basis. Mr. Baumgaertel responded that a year-round system will perform slightly better, and went on to provide data in support of this opinion. Further discussion involved the addition of bedrooms using an IA system, and water quality improvement. The next audience question related to wood chip systems, and why it is taking so long for the technology to be implemented. Mr. Baumgaertel responded that the technology is non-proprietary, and they do not want to rush the product to market. Presentation concludes.

Mr. Silva moved to rearrange the agenda to move the discussion on Agenda Item 2, proposed amendments to the Board of Health regulations, to the end of the agenda.

Mr. Rose seconded.

Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

3. Review of Plan Change – White Sands Beach Club, 702 Shore Road

Property owner was not present. Mr. Rose suggested the matter be discussed at the end of the meeting should the property owner arrive prior to the end of the meeting. All present agree.

4. Request for Extension of Septic System Installation – 587 Shore Road

Tim Brady of East Cape Engineering addressed the board on behalf of the property owners, John and Karen Perachio. Mr. Brady explained to the board that the owners are not occupying the property. There is an existing house, which has cesspools, and the owners have proposed to build three cottages. The new septic system will serve the entire property. The original approval required an installation within 90 days. Mr. Brady requested an extension until January 30, 2019, or if the owners decide to move in, prior to occupancy.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to approve the extension until January 30, 2019 with no occupation; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

5. Request for Determination on Flow – 4 Alden Lane

Tim Brady of East Cape Engineering addressed the board on behalf of the property owner, Nancy Osborne. Ms. Osborne is constructing a finished garage and art studio containing a half-bath at 4 Alden Lane, which has an existing three bedroom house. The half-bath will require an ejector pump. Mr. Brady does not think an increase in flow will be an issue. The Agent questioned if the space constitutes a bedroom under the town regulations, and requests the board make the determination. Mr. Brady suggests a deed restriction stipulating that the garage/art studio will not be habitable. The board is amendable to the deed restriction as a means to clarify that the garage/art studio does not constitute a bedroom, nor will it be utilized as such.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to accept the request as presented with the deed restriction as presented for the three bedroom property, the garage and studio not being habitable; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

6. New Individual Water Hook-Ups – 630 Shore Road, Colonial Village Condominium

No one is present on behalf of the condominium association. The association has requested approval to install individual water hook-ups for each of the 10 units.

Motion: Mr. Silva moved to approve the individual water hook-ups; Mr. Rose seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

7. New Commercial Kitchen – 23 Bridge Road

Drake Cook addressed the board on behalf of PJF Fresh, LLC, d/b/a Cape Cod Hummus. PJF Fresh currently sells their product(s) at local farmer's markets. They temporarily used the kitchen at Chequessett Chocolate, and would like to have a permanent space. The kitchen use at 23 Bridge Road will be for preparation only, not for retail or service use.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to approve the commercial kitchen; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

8. Farmers' Market Permit – Cape Cod Kombucha

Amy Costa, co-owner of Cape Cod Kombucha, addressed the board. Cape Cod Kombucha is currently sold at the Wellfleet farmers' market, and they would like to participate in Truro. Their product is manufactured at Savory.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to approve the permit; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

Motion: Mr. Silva motioned to move the discussion on Agenda Item 2, proposed amendments to the Board of Health regulations, to the end of the meeting; Mr. Rose seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

LICENSING RENEWALS

1. Payomet Circus Camp – 29 Old Dewline Road

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to approve the licensing renewal for Payomet Circus Camp, 29 Old Dewline Road; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

2. White Caps Cottages, 127 Shore Road (Duplex only)

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to approve the licensing renewal for White Caps Cottages, 127 Shore Road, pending the building and smoke detector inspections; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM

2. Proposed Amendments to Board of Health Regulations, Section 6, Article 1 and Article 7.

- Ms. Rose suggested that this might be continued to allow the full board the opportunity to discuss further and vote; Mr. Rose agreed. The Agent clarified that procedurally, it needs to be advertised for a public hearing, and the Board should vote to direct the proposed amendments to the public hearing. The board members present agreed.
Chris Lucy approached the board to affirm that the amendment would create a variance process for IA systems linked to the Town of Truro Zoning By-law allowing year-round accessory units. Ms. Rose stated that the proposed addition to Section 6, Article 1, add the definition of an accessory dwelling unit. The proposed amendment to Section 6, Article 7, allows the Board of Health to consider a variance.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to accept the additions and proceed with advertising the public meeting; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

REPORTS

Health Agents Report

- The transfer station will have a textile collection box, which receives clothes, fabrics, toys, shoes, etc., instead of those items being disposed of. The town will receive money for the tonnage of these items. The use of the collection box will reduce the town's waste tonnage.
- A regulatory gap in the commercial hauler definition was presented to the board. The Board of Health licenses commercial refuse haulers, which now includes any commercial business that hauls their own garbage, and larger commercial companies. It has become apparent that two

different types of refuse hauling are done: one where refuse hauling is their primary business, and the other where it is incidental to their business, but not a primary function; the latter not being a true commercial refuse hauler. The idea is to clarify these two variations. The Board of Health would issue permits for the commercial refuse haulers (in the true sense of the word), and the DPW would issue permits to any other commercial entity. The proposed change will limit redundancy for the public.

- The Health Agent recommends an increase in public education around dogs in public places; specifically to encourage dog owners to take more responsibility for cleaning up after their dogs. A larger discussion with the board is proposed, and the Health Agent encouraged the board to email any thoughts or comments on this matter.

REPORTS

DPW Director

- The DPW Director was not present. A comprehensive report for July will be available at the next meeting.

Report of the Chair

- Chair Tracey Rose defers to the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM

3. Review of Plan Change – White Sands Beach Club, 702 Shore Road

Motion: Ms. Rose moved to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting, and requested the owner be notified that they missed the meeting; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

June 5, 2018

Motion: Mr. Silva moved to approve as submitted; Mr. Rose seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

June 19, 2018

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to approve as submitted; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

DISCUSSION

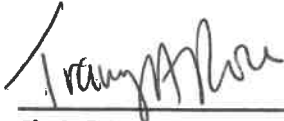
Truro Motor Inn Update

Ms. Rose requested an update from the Health Agent regarding the licensing of the Truro Motor Inn. The summer inspector checked the motel/main building and the premises were locked; also there is no water in the pool. The renewal application has been received, but no inspection has been requested by the property owner. The Truro Motor Inn currently has no permit to operate as a motel, nor does it have a permit to operate the pool.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to adjourn; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Fogarty



Chair-Tracey Rose



Vice Chair-Jason Silva



Mark Peters, Member

Clerk-Peter Van Stratum



Tim Rose, Member