

Truro Board of Health Minutes
September 15, 2020
4:30pm - REMOTE MEETING

Members Present: Chair Tracey Rose, Vice-Chair Jason Silva, Member Mark Peters, Member Tim Rose, Alternate Member Meredith Goff

Staff Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe

Chair Tracey Rose called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Water Service Connection: Amend Existing Service at 525 Shore Road, Unit 2

The Agent did not have any concerns about the application, which is being made in conjunction with a year-round condominium conversion.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to approve the application as presented; seconded by Mr. Silva;

Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

2. Water Service for Condominium Conversion: 648 Shore Road, Dune Colony Condominium, Separate Meters

The Agent clarified that the water service connection is only one of many steps involved in the year-round condominium conversion process.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to approve the application as presented; seconded by Mr. Rose;

Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

3A. Notification of Use of New I/A System (design flow>600GPD): 20 Sturdy Way, General Use Approval

The Board of Health regulations require septic systems that serve properties with a daily flow exceeding 600 gallons/day to be nitrogen reducing.

David Lajoie of FELCO, Inc. addressed the Board with his application for upgrade with an alternative treatment system. The property has 87,000 sf with an existing six-bedroom dwelling and Title 5 system. The applicants propose adding two-bedroom studio. Mr. Lajoie hopes to use the existing leach area, which would be modified by adding an additional chamber and stone for a total of 862gal/pd.

Ms. Goff asked what qualifies the addition as a "studio". Mr. Lajoie responded that the addition is a detached building with bedrooms, but no kitchen.

The Agent asked Mr. Lajoie if the applicant plans to rent the studio, or if it is solely to be accessory to the existing dwelling. Mr. Lajoie responded that it is not for rental purposes, but solely as overflow bedrooms and accessory to the main house.

Ms. Rose asked Mr. Lajoie if the owner is familiar with the O&M contract and maintenance of the system. Mr. Lajoie confirmed the owner is aware of the requirements and asked the Board to stipulate the amount of testing within the approval.

The Agent discussed the maintenance regulations for the system. The motion should specify quarterly testing under general use and upon receipt of adequate results for two years, the applicant may request a reduction in sampling.

Mr. Silva asked Mr. Lajoie about results for seasonal use of the system. Mr. Lajoie responded that the results would show if the system had a lack of flow due to reduced use. The Agent suggested an additional condition that if the property is used seasonally, that the Health Department be advised of that by the operator.

Motion: Mr. Silva moved to approve the general use approval with the conditions that: (1) the system will require quarterly testing under general use and upon receipt of adequate results for two years, the applicant may request a reduction in sampling and (2) the owners must inform the Health Department of seasonal use; seconded by Peters; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

3B. Notification of Use of New I/A System (design flow>600GPD): 10 Lawrence Way, General Use Approval

David Lajoie of FELCO, Inc. addressed the Board presenting his project to expand the dwelling. The home has five existing bedrooms, and the applicant proposes to add an additional bedroom and expand the living room. The property has an existing Title 5 system. The existing leach area will be removed, and all new concrete leach chambers will be installed. The existing septic tank will be eliminated and an Advantex treatment unit for 6 bedrooms will be installed.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to approve the general use approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Rose; Discussion occurred on the motion: The Agent asked about the seasonality of the property; Mr. Lajoie confirmed the property is seasonal. Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries

III. REPORTS

Health Agent Report

- The Agent has been working with the school administrators and staff by looking at their processes for opening the school and discussing a testing program.
- The seasonal flu-shot clinic has been scheduled for October 29th and an additional clinic may be scheduled for the Truro Central School staff and families for the beginning of December. The October clinic will be a drive-thru clinic with online registration.
- The Agent has been working on a draft scope of work with the Cape Cod Commission for a project to develop a watershed analysis for Standish Pond. Part of the project will be to develop a residential well water testing program.

Report of the Chair

- Ms. Rose read an email into the record from Kate and Dennis O'Brien of Bayberry Road. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien expressed their concerned about water quality and safety in Truro. The Agent will respond to the email.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Peters; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Fogarty



Chair, Tracey Rose

Vice-Chair, Jason Silva

Member, Mark Peters

Member, Tim Rose

Alternate Member, Meredith Goff

