

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday August 2, 2022

This was a remote meeting. Board members in attendance:

Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva, Board Members: Helen Grimm, Brian Koll and alternate member Candida Monteith Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe, and Assistant Agent Courtney Warren Absent: Tim Rose

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM by the Chair, Tracey Rose. She announced the remote meeting procedures and described the process for public participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Discussion with Director of Public Works Jarrod Cabral

The Director presented tonnage #'s on both solid waste and recycling and compared the numbers to fiscal year 2021. He stated that the refuse stream volume reflected changes in the patterns of living due to COVID-19 and suggested that the volume may be reverting to pre-Covid numbers. Commercial tonnage had increased while permits (of all types) went down in number; however, revenue increased as the Commercial tonnage increased. Prices that the Town pays for metal recycling have increased. He stated that there had not been increases to permit fees since 2015, and it was on the list for review this fall in preparation for the budget submittals.

Mr. Cabral reported briefly on the swap shop operation, including that neighboring towns were still participating and dropping off items that the Town does not accept, per our waste-ban; He commented that this was not good for the budget.

Change of manager: Sladeville Condominiums, 2 Meetinghouse Road The condominium association requested that RKM be their offsite manager. **Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to approve the change; **Second:** Board member Jason Silva; **Vote 4-0-1**, Motion approved.

Change of manager: Seaside Inn, 482 Shore Rd There was no representative from the condominium association, and no action or discussion.

Motion: Board Member Jason Silva moved to approve the temporary food service permit and renewal of the recreational camp's permit.

Second: Board Member Tracey Rose; **Vote:** 3-0-0; the vote was unanimous, and the motion was passed.

Motion: Board Member Jason Silva moved to approve the request.

Second: Board Member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 3-0-0; the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Title 5 upgrade-extension request for waiver of time: 69 Old County Road:

The applicant requested a 30-day extension for the Title 5 upgrade, bringing the installation deadline to July 21, 2022. The home will remain vacant until the time of installation.

Motion: Board Member Jason Silva approved the request.

Second: Board Member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 3-0-0; the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Title 5 Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval - 627 Shore Road, Nearen & Cubberly Nominee Trust: This matter was continued from July 19, 2022

Attorney Chris Snow was representing the owners, with William Rogers and Gary Locke presenting the engineered plans to upgrade cesspools to a nitrogen reducing title 5 septic system. Attorney Snow reminded the Board that this matter was continued at the request of the abutter Christine D'Ambrose. Gary Locke spoke for William Rogers Engineering and described the variance requests and local upgrade approvals needed for the project. The abutter, Christine D'Ambrose was present, and asked what impact the proposed project would be present to any future project at her property, which is directly adjacent to the locus. Board Member Jason Silva suggested that if she had a project in mind to complete at a later date, he could see nothing that would preclude the project going forward because of what was proposed to upgrade the septic system at 627 Shore Road. Christine D'Ambrose asked if there were any limitations on the use of 627 Shore Road, because the property had been vacant for many years. The response provided was that there were not. There was discussion by an abutter about moving the blower vent. There was also discussion on whether an administrative consent order should be included as a condition of approval with this local upgrade request. Both Attorney Snow and William Rogers hesitated to accept this without understanding the terms of an ACO.

Motion: Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the variances and local upgrade approval requests, conditioned upon relocating the vent; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote** 4-0-1 (Chair Tracey Rose abstained)

Title 5 Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval request-15 Fisherman's Road, Robert Johnson

Laura Schofield from Schofield Brothers Engineering in Orleans represented the property owners. The property includes a four-bedroom single-family dwelling on a 33,000 square-foot lot.

The septic design is for the four bedrooms with a variance requested from local Board of Health regulations that a nitrogen removing I/a treatment system not be included as required due to the lot size. Laura Schofield explained that this variance would provide temporary relief as the homeowners only used the property for five weeks of the year and are considering moving here to Truro full-time at which point, they would install the advanced treatment septic system. The Chair commented that protecting the ground water with extra treatment remained a priority, and that she did not feel comfortable with the variance request as enforcing it would be difficult. Laura Schofield commented that it was a low use situation with low/minimal nitrogen now, but for them to be able to afford the septic I/A the property owners may need to rent the property which would add more flow just to pay for the I/A.

Motion: Board member Helen Grimm moved to deny the variance request to the requirement of I/A; **Second:** Chair Tracey Rose; **Vote** 5-0 Motion carries

Board of Health Regulations: There was discussion on the public hearing schedule for proposed amendments to the Board of Health local title 5 regulations. The Agent will check with Town Council for their availability to attend the public hearing September 6.

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MINUTES: The board decided to move the approval of the minutes until the August 16th meeting. **Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to review minutes at the August 16th 2022 meeting. **Second:** Board Member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0 the motion passed.

The Health Agent's report included brief discussion on Covid-19 and MPX (Monkeypox) Board member Brian Koll provided updated information on the SARS CoV-2 vaccine that would become available in September 2022.

The Chair suggested there would need to be conversations with applicants about the administrative consent order process This would be discussed at a future meeting

Motion: Board Member Helen Grimm moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0 the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Beebe



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