



Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday September 6, 2022

This was a remote meeting.

Board members in attendance:

Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva, Board Members: Helen Grimm, Brian Koll, and Tim Rose; Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe **Absent:** alternate member Candida Monteith. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

Change of manager: Beach Point Pagodas, 169 Shore Rd:

John Flores, an owner at the complex, was on the call to represent the change of manager request. He will be a new co-manager. Chair Tracy Rose reviewed the responsibilities expected from a co-manager to which the applicant agreed. **Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to approve the change of manager; **Second:** Board Member Tim Rose; **Vote** 5-0-0, Motion approved.

Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval, 32 Cooper Road, 32 Cooper Lutz Road LLC:

Sara Lutz, the owner, and Ryder and Wilcox Engineer Stephanie Sequin represented the project. Stephanie Sequin described the project as an upgrade from a cesspool to an innovative/alternative septic system. The lot is 42,400 square feet and located at the top of a coastal bank. The proposed system is a Microfast system using Cultec recharging units which are plastic units configured without stone to minimize impact during installation. They propose to reduce the leaching capacity by 23%, which is allowable under Title V since there will be no increase in flow. Variances being requested are a 50-ft variance from the top of the coastal bank for the soil absorption system and a 10-ft variance from the coastal bank for the septic tank. There is also a request for a variance between the SAS and the property sideline. The variance to the coastal bank cannot be avoided for the SAS siting; the Septic tank variance appeared justified as the location proposed will minimize impacts on the site; and the sideline setback variance is needed to keep the SAS 100' from the locus well. Board member Jason Silva added that the upgrade from a cesspool to an I/A system is a drastic improvement for the environment and added that the reduction for the soil absorption system is allowable given the challenging conditions of the lot.

Abutter Paul Scheufele inquired about how the approval of the variance request to the sideline setback would affect any future development of his property and stated that he did not want to see approval of variances to his property lines. Board member Jason Silva thanked the abutter for coming forward and asking his questions. Abutter Paul Scheufele explained that, if possible, he would appreciate the property line setbacks to be respected while avoiding any deleterious effect to the groundwater. The Health Agent explained that the setbacks are compliant regarding groundwater wells but do not meet the setbacks for property lines because variance requests under title 5 were organized in a hierarchy of preferred use; a sideline setback variance was preferred to a well setback variance under the local upgrade process of "maximum feasible compliance". Discussion ensued about the ways that the system could or could not be relocated on the property and how best to balance the benefits of the upgrade with the abutter's requests. Board member Tim Rose suggested extending the impermeable barrier to mitigate the concerns of the abutter about his property line.

Motion: Board Member Tim Rose moved to approve the variance request with the condition that the barrier shall be extended to the north; **Second:** Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 3-1-1 with Board member Helen Grimm voting against and Board member Jason Silva abstaining; the motion carried.

Board of Health Regulation revisions: final draft and discussion:

The Board of Health regulation revisions have been reviewed extensively and the final draft was presented and discussed by the Board. The Board agreed to finalize the discussion at the next public hearing which will be advertised in the Provincetown Independent.

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July 19, 2022

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

Second: Board Member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion passed.

August 2, 2022

Motion: Board Member Helen Grimm moved to approve the minutes.

Second: Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 4-0-1 with Tim Rose abstaining; the motion passed.

Report of the Chair:

The chair had attended the Charter Review Committee (CRC) meeting. She briefly explained the discussion held by the committee to address a citizens petition submitted to the 2020 Annual Town meeting that effectively make Health Board members elected, not appointed. The charter change was not supported by the CRC.

Health Agent's Report:

Brian Koll gave a report on the current Monkey Pox situation. The reported cases of Monkey Pox have steadily declined since their peak in August. Currently, there are 20,000 reported cases nationwide. There are two variants, one more severe than the other. There is medication to treat infection and Monkey Pox cannot be casually transmitted. The vaccine is now easier to access and more readily available than the medication. The Health Agent announced the Flu and COVID-19 vaccine booster Clinic that will take place in October.

Motion: Board Member Tim Rose moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Board Member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Nina Richey

