

# **Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday October 18, 2022**

This was a remote meeting.

## **Board members in attendance:**

Chair Tracy Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva; Board Members: Helen Grimm, Brian Koll, Tim Rose, and Alternate Candida Monteith; Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clint Kershaw asked if information about the water feasibility study would be presented during the water resources report. The Agent stated that she would contact Mr. Kershaw the next day.

**Municipal water service connection request:** Stones Throw Condominiums, 6 Shore Road; Barbara Correa and Pat Rooney, Stones Throw Condominium Trustees, were present to discuss their request. PFAS compounds were detected in the condominium's public water supply well, and the concentration has triggered monthly water testing. The levels are at/over 20 ppt so an action plan was prepared. The short-term plan includes providing approved bottled water to sensitive sub-groups such as pregnant women and immune-compromised individuals. The long-term plan is to install a filtration system or connect to the municipal water system. Connecting to municipal water is the preferred plan. The trustees have contacted the Provincetown Water Department and were told that a connection is probably feasible. The water line would need to be extended about 500 feet and an assessment of the existing conditions of the distribution system will be explored. The Health Agent inquired about the filtration system option. Pat Rooney explained that both of their wells would require filtration and likely lead to reconfiguration of their well house. The cost is estimated to be \$50-60,000. The board discussed the issue and concluded that they needed more information before making a decision.

**Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to continue the matter until the November 1, 2022 meeting; **Second:** Board Member Tim Rose; **Vote 5-0-0, Motion approved.**

**Local Waiver request:** (request for waiver of time for the septic upgrade relative to the transfer of deed) 71 North Pamet Road, Truro Conservation Trust

Fred Gaechter was on the call to discuss the request. The Conservation Trust has acquired the property through the Estate of Nancy Fales. Since the house is in good condition, the Trust is interested in making the property available for either workforce or affordable housing. However, the property is served by a cesspool and must be upgraded prior to transfer. The Trust is seeking a waiver of time (8 months) to allow the installation of the new system to happen after the property transfer, which will take place before the end of the year. Chair Tracy Rose stated the Board's standard condition, that the house shall not be lived in until the upgrade is completed; Mr. Gaechter agreed.

**Motion:** Board Member Helen Grimm moved to grant a waiver of time until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023; **Second:** Board Member Tim Rose; **Vote 5-0-0, Motion approved.**

**Appeal of Health Agents decision:** (relative to system inspection failure) 11 Snow's Field Road, owned by Edward and Barbara Oswalt. Mr. Oswalt submitted the certificate of compliance for

his title 5 septic system that was issued in 1975 by a past Truro Health Agent. A recent septic system inspection shows that the system is functioning, but no plan is on file for this system which is a failure of the system. Mr. Oswalt is asking the Board of Health for permission to "reverse-engineer" a plan to demonstrate that the system meets the Title 5 requirements. The Board discussed the matter and concluded that a reverse engineered plan could be submitted. The plan will need to include test holes, location of all components, and setbacks. The applicant shall submit the reverse engineered plan to the Truro Health Department to prove compliance with the Title 5 regulations.

**Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to approve the request; **Second:** Board Member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 4-0-1 with board member Tracey Rose abstaining; the motion passed.

#### **Board of Health Regulation revisions:**

The Health Agent reviewed the latest regulation revisions.

- Discussed definition of "usable space" with the goal of requiring septic inspection upon any proposal to add usable space. This broader net for triggering septic inspections is useful for catching problems early before they become more serious public health issues.
- Adjusted the definition of remedial use
- Discussed date for upgrade of non-conforming systems in sensitive areas/near wetlands, decided not to set a date at this time
- Reviewed possible scenarios for Administrative Consent Orders and proposed escrow amounts
- Discussed wording that eliminates the grandfathering of systems that went in the ground as Title 5 was changing. This rewording will not allow properties to be grandfathered in terms of nitrogen loading
- A final vote will occur at a later meeting or public hearing and then the regulations will be advertised

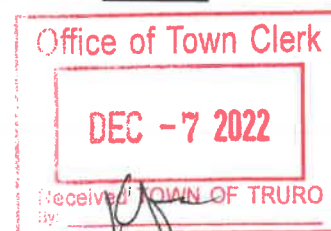
#### **Water Resources Update:** October 2022

- The Health Agent reviewed the progress of the cesspool upgrades.
- The agent also discussed the estuary project and the possibility of setting Total Maximum Daily Limits for nitrogen for the Pamet and East Harbor areas. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a contaminant, in this case nitrogen, that can be received by a water body.
- The staff conducted stormwater sampling during recent heavy rain events.
- On Saturday October 15 the Agent and the Chair attended the new "Friends of Village Pond" kickoff event.
- The Agent reminded the Board about the upcoming joint meeting of the Truro and Provincetown Select Boards to on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Provincetown; the meeting will feature updates on the municipal water supply and future efforts around water resources management.

**MINUTES:** September 6, 2022

**Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to approve the minutes. **Second:** Board Member Jason Silva; **Vote:** 5-0; the motion passed.

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**Report of the Chair:**

Tracey attended the Truro Housing authority meeting on October 13. The Chair would like the Board of Health to be involved with the development of the Housing Production Plan. She felt it is important that the Public to have the information about how they might add an ADU to their property. She let them know that there are loan programs available. The Chair suggested that the Board of Health would like to make comments on the plan is still open.

**Health Agent's Report:**

The Agent described the upcoming joint meeting of the Outer Cape Boards of Health. The topic of the joint meeting will be the public health needs assessment. The meeting is in-person/virtual hybrid and is scheduled for 12/14/22 at 5pm at the Provincetown Town Hall in the judge Walsh Hearing Room.

The Agent informed that Board that she was working on language to change the Dog-Leash Bylaw and would report back.

The Agent gave the locations of upcoming Outer Cape vaccination clinics (offering both flu and bivalent COVID-19 boosters) on October 27; November 10 and November 17. The clinics are coordinated between the Outer Cape Towns.

Board Member Brian Koll reported about COVID-19, and the upcoming season of being in-doors. The Chair asked about vaccinations that include more than 1 shot at a time. Dr. Koll said that medically, the immune system can manage them. He did recommend that if having both shots at the same time to have them given in different arms.

Board member Helen Grimm expressed her thanks to the Chair for her participation with the Truro Housing Authority.

**Motion: Member Tim Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Member Helen Grimm; Vote: 5-0-0; the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Nina Richey

