

**Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday November 1, 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 Member: Candida Monteith; Also Present: Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren Absent: Health Agent Emily Beebe

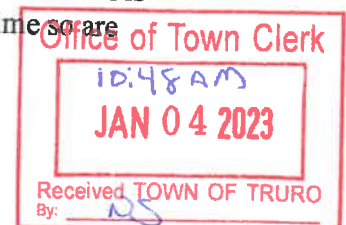
The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was none.

**Request to Appeal Before the Board of Health:** 9 South Highland Rd, Paul Morris: Paul Morris, representing the Morris Family Trust was on the call for the discussion about the septic system inspection report from September 2022. Local inspection requirements defined the system as non-conforming, since there was no plan on file for the system. Mr. Morris requested permission to "reverse-engineer" a plan for this system to allow it to pass the inspection requirements. Board member Jason Silva commented that the information presented was adequate and could see no problem with approving the request. **Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to allow the property owner to submit a reverse engineered plan for the septic system inspection report at 9 South Highland Road; **Second:** Board Member Tim Rose; **Vote 4-0-1**, with Tracy Rose abstaining; the motion carried.

**Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval:** 5 Joseph's Rd, Robert Galligan & Abigail Swan: Jason Ellis represented the project to upgrade the Title 5 septic system that is in failure. He described the property and detailed the requested variances. The proposal includes installing an Advantex Innovative/Alternative system. Board member Tim Rose asked about the materials for the system. Mr. Ellis explained that the leach chambers would be concrete since they could be accessed from the road. However, the tank itself will be either plastic or fiberglass due to access issues with the steep hillside. Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren read the Health Agent's summary of the proposal to the Board. The proposed system offers more benefit to the environment than the existing system and the variances being sought are appropriate for the system being proposed. Chair Tracy Rose highlighted the importance of understanding the commitment involved when installing an innovative alternative system and explained the O&M agreement. She asked whether the homeowners were aware of the long-term commitment involved in procuring the proposed system. Jason Ellis confirmed that the homeowners are aware of the commitment and the O&M required for the system. **Motion:** Board Member Jason Silva moved to approve the variances as requested; **Second:** Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote 5-0-0**; the motion carried.

**Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval:** 18 Bay View Rd, Santina & Frank Smith: Jason Ellis was on the call to represent the request. The property is currently served by a cesspool. The proposed system is a 5-bedroom innovative/alternative design. Mr. Ellis explained that due to lot size and terrain, the installation would be particularly expensive. Mr. Smith is currently in hospice and the Smiths are concerned about going into debt at this time so are



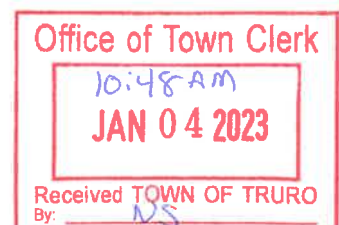
requesting a waiver of time to complete the upgrade. The Health Department conducted a walkthrough of the property and found five rooms that meet the definition of a bedroom. Town records describe the home as a 3-bedroom dwelling. Chair Tracy Rose suggested continuing the agenda item, and highlighted the importance of remaining focused on remediating wastewater issues in the area considering the sensitive environment. She also mentioned the idea of a possible administrative consent order for the homeowners requesting a delay in upgrade. Board member Jason Silva commended the homeowners for reaching out to the Board of Health during a difficult time for them personally. Board member Brian Koll suggested continuing the matter until January. Jason Ellis requested that the agenda item be continued until the January 17, 2023, Board of Health meeting. **Motion: Board Member Tracy Rose moved to continue the agenda item until the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board of Health meeting; Second: Board Member Brian Koll; Vote 5-0-0, the motion passed.**

**Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval:** 5 Ryder Beach Way, Striar Family LLC: Jason Ellis represented the project, describing the site as complicated with lots of wetland resources that need to be properly delineated. He asked the Board for feedback on the request and whether the request could even be considered by the Board. Chair Tracy Rose stated that more information would be needed before anything could be adequately considered. The Assistant Health Agent read the Health Agent's report into the record stating that the resource areas must be properly delineated before the proposal could be considered. Board member Jason Silva added that once the delineations have been made and the plan is more detailed, the board can continue with its approval process. Brad Malo from Coastal Engineering was on the call to represent an abutter and suggested that the resource areas depicted on the current plan will change impacting the nitrogen loading component of the plan and therefore the design and setbacks might also need to change. Fred Grant, an abutter, was also on the call. He is a year-round resident and is trying to better understand the proposed project. Chair Tracy Rose thanked the abutters for contributing to the meeting. Jason Ellis requested a continuance until the December 6, 2022, Board of Health meeting.

**Motion: Board Member Jason Ellis moved to continue the agenda item until December 6, 2022; Second: Board Member Tim Rose; Vote 5-0-0; the motion passed.**

**Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval:** 45 Corn Hill Rd, Rose Investment Trust: Jason Ellis represented the upgrade approval request. The proposed plan shows a proposed well location, but the well was installed since the last hearing on this matter. A Public Water supply easement for the adjacent Rosewood Condominiums was granted on this property, and although it is not recorded on this property deed, it is recorded on the Condominium property deed. The Assistant Agent read the Health Agent's report on the project into the record. A revised plan should reflect the locus well location and information about the easement for the public water supply servicing the Rosewood Condominiums. Mr. Ellis requested a continuance until the November 15, 2022, meeting.

**Motion: Board Member Brian Koll moved to continue the matter until November 15, 2022; Second: Board Member Helen Grimm; Vote 3-0-2, with Board members Tracy Rose and Tim Rose abstaining; the motion carried.**



**Minutes:** September 20, 2022

**Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll Helen Grimm moved to approve the September 20, 2022 minutes; **Second:** Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote 5-0-0, The motion passed.**

**The Health Agents Report:**

- The Health Agent and both assistant agents attended the Massachusetts Health Officers Association Annual Conference in late October.
- A Flu and Covid Vaccination Clinic was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It was well attended with about 100 flu shots and 100 bivalent Covid boosters being administered. The event doubled as the state required emergency preparedness drill.
- A second Flu and Covid Vaccination Clinic will be held on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the Community Center. Information on how to register can be found on the town website.

**Report of the Chair:**

The chair reported on several recent newspaper articles dealing with topics of interest.

- Town of Dennis just approved an article at a special town meeting to move forward with wastewater and municipal sewer improvements.
- APCC have initiatives in place to improve pond water quality.
- Harwich Conservation Trust has received grants that allow them to purchase approximately 400 acres of land near the 5 Ponds.
- The Chair attended the Provincetown and Truro joint Selectboard meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> where Cody Salisbury, water superintendent of the Provincetown Water Department gave the annual water system update. This meeting was well described in an article in the Provincetown Independent.

The chair thanked alternate Candida Monteith for their service as an alternate.

**MOTION:** Tim Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; **Second:** Board member Jason Silva.; **Vote: 5-0-0, the motion passed.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by Janina Richey

