

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

This was a remote meeting.

Board members in attendance:

Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva; Board Members: Helen Grimm, Brian Koll; Also

Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren

Absent: Member Tim Rose and Alternate Candida Monteith

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by the Vice Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval: Striar Family, LLC, 5 Ryder Beach Way (*continued from 11/1/2022*) Jason Ellis, the designer for the project, requested to withdraw this request. **Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to accept the withdrawal of this request; **Second:** Helen Grimm; **Vote** 4-0-0; The motion passed.

Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval: 108 Slough Pond Road Linda Cronin, engineer for the project, requested a continuance until the December 20, 2022, meeting. **Motion:** Board Member Helen Grimm moved to continue the request until December 20, 2022; **Second:** Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 4-0-0, The motion passed.

Inspection report discussion: 11 Snows Field Road

Ed Oswalt, the property owner, was on the call. The Board of Health had previously approved the submission of a reverse engineered as-built plan for the septic system on the property. This plan showed that the leaching pit was within 100 feet of the locus well, which triggered the need for additional water testing. The additional water analysis was submitted and showed no issues with either of these potential contaminants. The well setback poses no impact to the abutting properties as the system components are all located properly in terms of abutting wells and property lines. The system passes inspection per the Title 5 requirements. The Health Agent stated that this system could be accepted by the Board of Health as compliant. Board member Jason Silva stated that the reverse engineered plan is a useful tool in these types of situations. Chair Tracey Rose asked when the locus well, currently servicing the property, was installed. Ed Oswalt answered that it had been installed around 2015.

Initial Motion: Board Member Jason Silva moved to approve the plan as presented;

Second: Board Member Brian Koll.

Discussion on the motion: Chair Tracey Rose inquired as to whether anything else should be included in the motion. The Health Agent suggested that the motion should actually state that the Board accepts the septic inspection report, the motion should not be to approve the plan. **Jason Silva rescinded his initial motion.**

Board member Helen Grimm asked for clarification on whether the board was approving the report only or also a 6-foot variance between the leaching pit and the locus well. The Agent explained that the local regulations triggered the need for a septic plan for the transfer of deed; the reverse engineering allowed the board to more properly investigate the septic system and well. The plan shows existing conditions versus proposed conditions which makes this an

“inside-out” process of investigating and accepting existing conditions or, if not accepted, enforcing an upgrade. The board is therefore accepting the septic system inspection report not approving a plan. **Motion: Board Member Jason Silva moved to approve the septic inspection report; Second: Board Member Brian Koll; Vote 3-0-1; Chair Tracey Rose abstained from the vote; The motion carried.**

Water Resources Update: November 2022(Continued from 11/15/2022) The Health Agent discussed the different financial options available for homeowners needing to complete cesspool upgrades. Administrative Consent Order paperwork is being prepared and will be ready for review by the Board at a later date. These ACOs will be specific to each property and will help address unique circumstances. The Health Agent has been in contact with UMass Dartmouth regarding the Estuaries project. Snow Pond’s health advisory for a harmful algal bloom which was issued at the end of October has been lifted as of November 10th. Provincetown and Truro are working together to discuss forecast planning for future water use.

Future Agenda Items for upcoming meetings:

The Board discussed the following future agenda items for an upcoming meeting:

1. Fertilizer discussion and possible fertilizer regulations.
2. Board of Health representative at the Pond group neighborhood association.

Minutes: October 18, 2022 : Motion: Board Member Helen Grimm moved to approve the minutes; Second: Board Member Brian Koll; Vote 4-0-0; The motion passed.

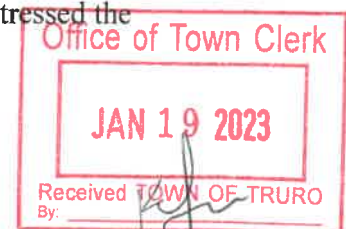
Report of the Chair:

Chair Tracey Rose discussed her attendance at the meetings of the Housing Authority, and their development of a Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Production Plan (HPP). The Chair also brought up the request from the Pond Village Friends Group to appoint a representative from the Board. The Health Agent and the Chair attended a meeting to show their support for the formation of the group. The Health Agent and/or the Chair will continue to attend the meetings until the Board of Health’s role is better defined. Then they will discuss appointing a Board of Health member as a liaison to the group.

Karen Ruymann was on the call and gave an update on the progress of the Village Pond Friends Group.

Health Agents Report:

The Health Agent reported that she attended the New England Rural Health Association Conference in November. The joint Board of Health meeting to review the recent Needs Assessment has been postponed. The Assistant Health Agent is going to be interviewed by the Selectboard for appointment to the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board. The Health Department has been working on grant applications which include the AARPA grant and a smaller MVP grant for Climate Action. The Health Agent asked Board member Dr. Brian Koll to give a brief overview on the current status of both Covid and Flu. Dr. Koll stressed the



importance of getting a flu shot, since flu is the main virus risk followed by covid and RSV. The number of covid cases in our area poses a moderate risk. There are new variants of covid related to omicron. These are more immune evasive than omicron, but the bivalent vaccines do offer some protection against the new variants.

Board member Jason Silva moved to adjourn the meeting: Second: Board member Brian Koll; Vote: 4-0-0, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Nina Richey

