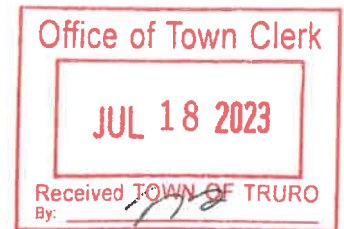


## Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday March 21, 2023

This was a remote meeting.



### **Board members in attendance:**

Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva; Board Members: Brian Koll; Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren.

Absent: Board Members: Helen Grimm, Tim Rose & Alternate Candida Monteith.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Alan Dinsfriend asked if the Board would be discussing the proposed changes to the dog control bylaw. The Chair responded that it was not on the agenda. Mr. Dinsfriend continued to present his opinions and ask questions of the Board about the topic.

The Health Agent asked the Chair for a point of order reiterating that the matter was not on the agenda and could not be discussed.

Heather Murray was on the call and asked about what the Cape was doing about the Avian influenza. Cass Johnson commented that she agreed with Mr. Dinsfriend and wants all comments in the public record. Steven Stahl commented about a memo about the dog leash issue.

### **Change of Manager/General Manager: 640 Shore Road- Lexvest (2/11)**

The request before the Board was to allow Lexvest to provide a general manager, Sue Casper. The general manager would oversee the on-site manager, who may change from year-to-year but the general manager would remain the same. **Motion: Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the request; Second: Board member Brian Koll; Vote: 3-0-0; the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.**

**Change of Manager: 596 Shore Rd, Anchorage by the Bay (5/17)** The association proposed a new on-site manager- Amy Kelly. They have retained Peters Property management for their off-site managers. **Motion: Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the request; Second: Board member Brian Koll; Vote: 3-0-0; the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.**

### **Discussion of Proposed amendments to Truro general by-laws:**

**Stormwater Management: proposed addition of new Bylaw to would regulate stormwater flows-**

The Health Agent told the Board that the proposed bylaw would be pushed to the Fall Special town meeting to allow better public process. Jason Silva asked how would this be applied to existing development? (example- what happens if you have a puddle at the bottom of your driveway) Brian Koll agreed and suggested that separating the 3 categories of development may make the implementation clearer. Pre-existing, New Development, Re-development. Jack Reimer suggested that the board review the 6-28-2022 joint meeting tape to hear Scott Horsley's presentation and suggests that there is the need for a stewardship role in developing the regulation. Assistant Agent Courtney Warren added that this presentation Karen Ruyman expressed her gratitude about bringing a bylaw together. She also asked if the process could include an assessment of existing homes from an expert on how the homeowners

could best meet standards proactively. She encourages public education about this topic. The Chair thanked Karen Ruyman in return.

Chris Lucy asked how we will deal with existing development, and how to deal with MA DOT who is the most non-compliant about stormwater. Private roads that dump water onto Public ways. What about property in the seashore with dirt roads that washout.

### **Discussion on development of fertilizer bylaw for Truro**

The Health Agent discussed various process options for controlling the use of fertilizers. Fertilizers and Pesticides are very difficult for localities to address, due to the federal regulations. In 2012 CCC conducted a Cape-wide inventory of the fertilizer and pesticide use, determining that homeowner use of the chemicals was 70 and 80% of the users for these types of chemicals, respectively. The agent described several process options, but recommended that right now the Board consider control of the use of fertilizers with a policy, backed up with public education and guidance documents to reduce the use of these substances.

Jason Silva asked about enforcement, and the Agent suggested conversation turned to a discussion about education, and stewardship, which would be a better strategy. Brian suggested that there be a hierarchy of controls established-such as education, enforcement, alternatives. The Board agreed that this was a good frame and should be discussed further.

Chris Lucy said has a pesticide license issued by the State, and he described how enforcement of the pesticide regulations is done. The tree companies have a deep root injection for pesticides.

Karen Ruyman asked if fertilizer and pesticide companies have a permit to operate in Truro. She suggested that the Town should subscribe to work with other Towns to develop fertilizer and pesticide regulations when we have another chance. Jack Reimer asked how citizens can report chemical drift.

The Board Chair thanked the group for the discussion and said it would continue at a future meeting.

### **Water Resources Report for March 2023**

The Agent reported that the cesspool upgrade program was progressing, and that many test holes were scheduled, and plans were coming in.

The Agent reported that they had started to meet with property owners about ACO's and would bring those to the Board when they are ready. The Town meeting warrant requests funding for the hydrologic evaluation of a neighborhood pond village, install monitoring wells and look upstream for impact sources.

Stone's Throw condominium has PFAS in their wells, and have requested permission to connect to the Provincetown water system; permission was granted by the Truro BoH and Select Board and the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board, however it was tabled by the Provincetown Select Board and the concern from the Select Board is that Stones Throw should explore their PFAS possibly mitigate the PFAS. The PFAS concentrations at Stones Throw have decreased over the winter. The chemical compounds are in our groundwater from septic systems, since PFAS is in household products that are resistant to water, grease, and stains. PFAS are also in certain firefighting foams and could be present from past use at incidents such as a car-fire, or house fire. However, the Truro fire Chief said that they do not use anything with PFAS compounds in them. The Agent suggested that she would reach out to Scott Horsley to explore what a PFAS investigation would look like. The wells that serve Stones Throw are located within the zone 2 of the South Hollow well field, which is the over-arching concern.

There was a brief discussion on the location of monitoring wells in the area, and that they might be used to determine ground water flow direction more specifically.

Steve Stahl asked how the PFAS contamination could be found inconsistently when we have a sole source aquifer on Cape Cod.

Jack Reimer asked about the Pamet lens, and whether contamination on the Chequesett lens could impact the Pamet lens. Further, he asked what outreach has been provided to residents in the neighborhood of Stones Throw, and does the Barnstable County lab test for PFAS?

The Agent replied that such a hypothetical contamination between the lenses is unlikely as the water is pulled laterally toward the Ocean and Bay. The Agent also stated that there was no notification requirement for abutters regarding PFAS, and that the presence of PFAS in a well does not mean the property is a source of PFAS. Barnstable County Lab does not offer PFAS analysis. Chris Lucy pointed out that septic systems are the source for much of our contamination in our drinking water wells.

On Monday March 20, DPW staff updated the Provincetown Selectboard growth management bylaw – how to move forward with development/wastewater credits. Staff's recommendation is to flatline projects other than affordable housing, and to continue to collaborate with the Town of Truro.

Minutes from January 3 were discussed. **Motion: Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the minutes; Second: Board member Jason Silva; Vote: 3-0-0; the motion passed.**

Report of the Chair: Tracey referenced an article in the CC Times by Laura Kelly.

Health Agents report: There will be a Public meeting on April 12, for the Cape Cod Commissions regional low-lying roads project. At this meeting there will be discussion, looking at possible solutions for segments on Shore Road, and Stotts crossing.

The Barnstable County Public Health nursing department is making their nurses available every week at the COA in Truro and daily across the Outer Cape through the end of June. Each program is free to attend by all Outer Cape residents. At these sessions residents will find pop-up nutrition education and diagnostic screenings for blood pressure & blood glucose checks. Monday's in Orleans at 10, Eastham at 9 on Tuesdays at the COA. Wellfleet on Thursdays at 10:30 and Provincetown on Wednesdays. In Truro the nurses will be available on Thursday from 1-3 every week through the end of June.

There was also a discussion about the schedule for public hearings about the regulations specifying the transfer station permit change.

Jason asked for a future discussion on the Cape and Islands Water Protection fund. Feb 23 article about the funds budget. There was discussion about having the Town manager come to the meeting to update the Board of Health, and possibly asking Senator Cyr to attend. Brian Koll supported the idea that Senator Cyr be invited, to discuss this with the community.

**Board member Brian Koll moved to adjourn the meeting;**  
**Second: Board member Jason Silva; Vote: 3-0-0, the motion passed.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.**

Minutes compiled by Emily Beebe

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