

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday May 2, 2023

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, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren.
Absent: Alternate Candida Monteith

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:

Karen Ruymann commented on behalf of the of the Friends of the Village Pond Watershed thanked the Board Chair, Health Agent, and Assistant Agent for their presence at their Earth-Day celebration/meeting. As a resident, she commented that there has been an increase in transparency and that the Town needs future communications about the wastewater management plan. She also suggested that the Health Agents report is a valuable tool for disseminating education and information about ongoing project data.

AGENDA ITEMS

Request for Local upgrade approval: 70 Shore Road. This matter was continued from April 18, 2023 for the purpose of conducting a walk-through of the property. Sanitarian Dave Coughanowr was on the call for the owner. The Agent and Assistant Agent performed a walk through at the residence and found 4 bedrooms and more than 1 dwelling unit. The previously permitted 3-bedroom system has failed the septic inspection conducted for purpose of real estate transfer. There is no permit indicating a fourth bedroom had been approved. Local regulations do not allow an expansion due to the lot size. The Agent stated that the owner had come in for a meeting with staff, and reviewed the records held by the Town, and brought her own records, including plans. There was no paper trail showing approval of additional bedrooms, or units. Future use of the property would be single family until the new owners applied for the permits needed to create an additional residential unit. The Agent suggested the Board consider the variance request, and the request for the waiver of time. The original 4-bedroom plan had not been updated to reflect the results of the permitted number of bedrooms. The Chair expressed that she wanted the new design plan submitted that showed the 3-bedroom system. Mr. Coughanowr stated that the same variances would apply. Chair Tracy Rose did not want to approve the original 4-bedroom plan without seeing the bedroom count amended. Board member Jason Silva suggested conditioning approval based on the submittal of a 3-bedroom plan. Chair Tracy Rose was concerned about the liability to the Town if they approved the plan without the correct denotation. Board Member Brian Koll mentioned that the waiver of time request did not include the proposed time frame for the waiver, and there was a question as to whether the buyers or sellers were asking for the waiver of time. **Motion:** Board member Brian Koll made a motion to continue the matter until May 16, 2023; **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 4-0-1; Chair Tracy Rose abstained from the vote.

Change of Manager: 670 Shore Road, Pilgrim Colony Condo Association. Proposed new manager Jill Botway was on the call to discuss her role as the off-site manager. She described her background as an attorney, and their intended plan to sublet their unit to the new onsite manager

Terry McCumber, their function will be as co-managers. Chair Tracy Rose explained the role of off-site manager and there was discussion about the significance of an onsite manager. **Motion:** Board member Helen Grimm made a motion to approve the change of manager request; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote: 5-0-0; the motion was unanimous.**

Change of Manager at 510 Shore Road, Sea Haven. There are 3 units at this location. RKM proposed as the off-site manager, however no one was present to represent the matter and it was tabled to the end of the meeting.

New Farmers Market Permit: Kohi Coffee Company, Owner James DeRosier. They have a licensed location on Provincetown where they produce the coffee and other products. All certifications and menu were included in the Board member's packets. They have sold their products at various events, although not the farmers markets. The protocol for dispensing the iced drinks was discussed, and the line distinguishing assembly versus preparation was discussed. Member Brian Koll asked how yogurt would be kept at proper temperature, and Mr. DeRosier responded that they maintain a cooler with ice on-site for temperature sensitive products.

Motion: Prefacing his motion as the one who was always in favor of more coffee and pastry, Vice Chair Jason Silva moved to approve the farmers market permit application for Kohi Coffee; **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote: 5-0-0; the motion was unanimous.**

Public Hearing on Proposed amendments to Board of Health regulations. Both sections have been discussed at the previous Board of Health meeting, and the hearing was opened to invite public comment to the process.

Section V- transfer station rules and regulations, articles 2,7 – proposed changes would remove the category of 6-month transfer station permits, and “swap shop only” permits. These changes would be effective June 1. **Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the proposed regulation change; **Second:** Vice Chair Jason Silva; **Vote: 5-0-0; the motion was unanimous.**

Tim Rose left the meeting.

Section VI-local septic regulations to supplement title 5 - proposed changes were discussed section by section. The Board discussed each section to ensure that grammatical cleanup, and formatting had been updated. There was discussion by the Board members about the intent of making changes to reduce nitrogen loading, when possible; sections where language was redundant were modified and content was clarified to make this section more readable. Revisions included clarifying when a reduced sampling schedule could be employed, this included 2 x year minimum for seasonal homes. **Motion:** Board Chair Tracey Rose moved to approve the proposed changes to Section 6 local septic regulations to supplement title 5, as presented in the packet and discussed including the change in article 12, section 3, to be sent to Town Counsel for review and a final vote at the next meeting; **Second:** Vice Chair Jason Silva; **Vote: 4-0-0; the motion was unanimous.**

Proposed Change of Manager at 510 Shore Road, Sea Haven. Representation did not join the meeting by this time, and the Board agreed to continue the discussion. location. **Motion: Board**

member Helen Grimm moved to continue the matter to May 16; Second: Board member Brian Koll. Vote: 4-0-0, the motion passed.

Report of the Chair- Tracey Rose reported to the Board about the Earth Day Celebration held by the Friends of the Village Pond, which was attended by members of the neighborhood who seemed very interested in the health of the Pond. She felt it was important to continue to work with people who have interest in specific topics such as the Friends group. She also reported on the Town meeting article votes. Approved was the study on the watershed at Pond Village, and funding for the wastewater management plan.

Health Agent's Report- The Health Agent reported out about the wastewater management planning process, which will be completed by the engineering firm GHD. GHD also works with Wellfleet and Eastham. Scott attends the meetings with us, and we are scheduling an on-site meeting with them to get a better understanding of the Town. The project is funded largely through ARPA funds, with a supplemental article at Town meeting. The planning process has been front loaded with immediate exploration with Provincetown of the feasibility of sending wastewater from Beach Point to the Provincetown Wastewater treatment plan. The discussions are currently underway. Simultaneously GHD will be developing a broad project scope for wastewater management for the entire town. The planning will likely shift to a targeted watershed management plan where our plan will intercept the trajectory of the new title 5 changes. The planning work will qualify the Town for SRF funding. SRF is the State Revolving Fund, administered by the DEP and offering low and zero interest loans for projects that will address nitrogen loading, and protect freshwater ponds.

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 6:21 P.M.

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