



Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday September 19, 2023

This was a remote meeting.

Board members in attendance:

Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva; Board Members: Brian Koll, Helen Grimm, Tim Rose (joined the meeting at 4:15 pm); Absent: Alternate Member Candida Monteith
Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Transfer Station off-season schedule: discussion with DPW Director Jarrod Cabral

The Director gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to the off-season transfer station schedule. Staffing shortages are an issue heading into October, and suggested addressing the e proposes an earlier seasonal reduction of open days, meaning the transfer station will close Wednesday and Thursday starting October 1st rather than the usual November 1st date. Chair Tracey Rose suggested advertising the schedule change. Board member Brian Koll suggested amending the blue sign posted at the transfer station that announces the Nov 1 date. The Chair requested notice be placed on the town website. **Motion: Board member Helen Grimm moved to endorse the request. Second: Board member Brian Koll; Vote: 4-0-0; the motion passed.**

Board member Tim Rose joined the meeting.

Proposed change of on-site manager: Colonial Village Condominium, Pamela Beshold, new on-site manager; Josh Weinbaum, new co-onsite manager Pamela Beshold and Josh Weinbaum were representing the request. This condominium recently became year-round. Chair Tracey Rose reminded the applicants of the expectations of the Board of Health for on-site managers and encouraged them to stay in contact with the Health Agent.

Motion: Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the request; Second: Board member Tim Rose; Vote: 5-0-0; the motion passed.

Discussion on proposed Administrative Consent Order (ACO): 47 Pond Road; Eric Varty
Motion: Board member Second: Vote: 5-0; the motion carried.

Property owner, Eric Varty, was on the call. The Agent gave an overview of this landlocked property. Access to the property is currently being litigated, and without legal access, a system cannot be engineered or installed. The homeowner presented documentation of his responsiveness to the Health Department orders for upgrade. The cesspool, although failed per the Board of Health regulations, is still functioning according to septic inspections that have been conducted. The owner has hired Coastal Engineering to design an upgrade plan, probably for a tight tank once access has been sorted out. An Administrative Consent Order has been suggested by the Health Agent as a device to allow the owner time to complete the required court process that will resolve the property access issue. The Board and the owner discussed occupancy scenarios until the system is upgraded. Mr. Varty described how he left it closed for a season and reported that a boarded property like his "invites trouble". It is a 1-bedroom dwelling and is

seasonal. Jason Silva asked if the system could be installed from the beach, and it appeared possible with an access permit from the Town. There was discussion about how the ACO is a variance because it grants an extension to the cesspool upgrade regulation. The Health Agent suggested a proper variance hearing be held in October and let Mr. Varty know that they would help him file the appropriate paperwork for this hearing, including notice to abutters.

Water Resources Update:

The Agent updated the Board of Health on the cesspool upgrade progress. They are continuing to reach out to the property owners who have yet to communicate with the Health department and another certified mailing was sent to those homeowners on the no-contact list. A draft of the proposed stormwater management by-law draft will be presented for BoH recommendation vote at the October 3rd Board of Health meeting. Staff will meet with DEP about the new title 5 regulations at the Health Agents Coalition meeting next week.

Jack Reimer was present and asked what public outreach was planned for the new stormwater by law, and he requested that Scott Horsley's Stormwater presentation be available on the Town website.

Karen Ruyman also requested a link of Scott Horsely's video presentation for the autumn edition of the Friends of The Pond Village report.

Minutes: August 15, 2023 **Motion:** Board member Tim Rose moved to approve the August 15 minutes as amended; **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion passed

Report of the Chair-

The Chair commented that there was not a September meeting of the Provincetown Sewer Board and reminded the Board members that the special fall town meeting will be on Saturday October 21, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Health Agent's Report -

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Zoom instead of GoToMeeting.

Board member Tim Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Board member Brian Koll; Vote: 5-0-0, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Nina Richey.

