

Truro Board of Health Minutes  
August 7, 2018  
4:30 PM-Truro Town Hall

**Members Present:** Chair Tracey Rose, Vice-Chair Jason Silva, Clerk Mark N. Peters, Member Tim Rose and Member Peter Van Stratum; **Others Present:** Health Agent Emily Beebe

Chair Tracey Rose called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. Ms. Rose requested that everyone speak clearly for the video recorder. She asked if anyone in the audience was recording. No one replied in the affirmative.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**AGENDA ITEM: 1. 702 Shore Road, White Sands: Review of Plan Change (Room consolidation for Units 30, 70, 71, 72, 73)** Maria Kuliopulos clarified for the Board the room numbers that are the subject to the proposed changes – Rooms 71, 72, 77, 78, 79 & 80. Ms. Rose requested confirmation that rooms 30, 70 and 73 are not included in the proposed changes. Ms. Kuliopulos confirmed and noted that Room 70 is being adjusted but not consolidated. The Board attempted to clarify with Ms. Kuliopulos exactly which rooms are being combined and/or modified.

Ms. Rose requested a summary from the Agent to remind the Board why this matter was before them. The Agent stated that when a plan change occurs it is reviewed by the Board; she further suggested accepting the room consolidation plan thereby putting their review on the record. The plan changes will result in a reduced bedroom count at the property.

Mr. Peters stated that this particular property has had an unprecedented history of Board of Health violations, and that the credibility of petitioner is not above reproach; further, that until a definitive plan is received, he did not think the board should get involved in endorsing anything.

Ms. Rose responded that the applicant must present the plan to the board for review.

Ms. Kuliopulos spoke in objection to Mr. Peters statement, stating that there are no violations at the present time. Mr. Peters responded that White Sands has had multiple violations for two years in a row; and he inquired about the building adjacent to the Buccaneer/Blue Sea, which has been under a cease and desist for a number of years due to excess of a building permit. Mr. Peters asked if the issue been resolved? Ms. Kuliopulos confirmed that yes, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the plan for the building, but they need approval from the Planning Board before a building permit is issued.

Mr. Van Stratum requested more formal plans than what was presented.

Mr. Rose agreed, stating that he would like to see an engineered final plan of the proposed room configuration. The plan presented to the board reflected the current room configurations with an overlay of the future re-configuration.

Mr. Peters proposed that the board acknowledge receipt of the plan, but by no means issue an approval of anything Ms. Kuliopulos has presented.

**MOTION:** Ms. Rose moves that the Board acknowledge the plan of Bruce Hamilton Architects dated June 8, 2018. No vote on or acceptance of the plan occurred, only an acknowledgment of receipt of the plan.

**AGENDA ITEM: 2. PUBLIC HEARING: BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS: AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 5: TRANSFER STATION RULES & REGULATIONS; AND AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 6: LOCAL SEPTIC REGULATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT TITLE 5, STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE**

There was discussion on the proposed changes to section 6; Mr. Peters commented on Article 7 regarding the remedial use of IA's, and he asked the Agent if a variance request indicates the failure of a septic system. The Agent responded that when considering a variance, there are a number of scenarios that may include failure.

Mr. Peters followed up by asking if the Board is making a plan for failed systems.

The Agent responded that this would only be as a variance for an application for the accessory dwelling unit. The Agent offered as example a 1 acre parcel of land with a four bedroom house; a proposal to build an year-round apartment over the garage would result in 5 bedrooms on the 4 bedroom lot; with an IA system for nitrogen credit they would meet Title 5 - if the Board granted the variance. In the cases where you can achieve compliance, this would allow the Board to grant the variance.

Chris Lucy approached the board to comment. Mr. Lucy has been working with the board to implement the proposed changes. Mr. Lucy suggested that quarterly testing of the septic system and initial testing of the well could be conditions and that the new regulation provides an advantage to homeowners who would like the option of having an accessory dwelling unit.

**MOTION:** Mr. Peters moved to approve the proposed amendments to the transfer station rules and regulations; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 4-0-1, motion carries with Mr. Rose abstaining.

**MOTION:** Mr. Peters moved to approve the Title 5 regulations as presented; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

**REPORTS:**

**DPW Director Jarrod Cabral presented his report to the Board :**

- The swap shop will remain open 3 days a week, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, from 7:30am to 3:00pm. A volunteer list has been posted and shifts can be filled in two hour increments. As of today (August 7, 2018) there is not enough volunteers to staff the current swap shop schedule. Solid waste that is removed from the swap shop by volunteers and staff members is now being weighed to gauge the amount of solid waste generated by the swap shop. The town has received and accepted an engineering proposal for the replacement of the swap shop and the DPW will move forward with the appropriate permitting requirements. The tentative start date for removal and replacement is November 1, 2018.
- On August 1, 2018, in an effort to provide recycling alternatives to the transfer station, the transfer station began to provide, at no cost to the town, a textile recycling trailer. All of the following can be accepted in any condition, as long as it's clean and dry: footwear, clothing, clothing accessories, linen and stuffed animals. Carpets and rugs less than 2x4 will also be accepted. The trailer will be removed when requested by staff, and the town will receive \$100.00 per ton for the contents of the trailer. The single stream recycling hopper is fully operational and can accommodate tipping for any size vehicle. All recyclables that are deposited in the smaller compacter are now transferred daily to a larger compacter and trailer. Solid waste tonnage for FY 2018 has declined 161 tons when compared to FY 2017. The total amount of tonnage was 1,746.32. The tonnage for May through September accounts for 1,094 of that tonnage. Recycling has increased a total of 145 tons when compared to FY 2017. The recycling tonnage total at 423.34 is the highest total on record.

- Mr. Peters asked the DPW Director if he was aware of a particular reason or has an opinion as to the increase. Mr. Cabral responded that it is now easier to recycle, all recyclables are deposited in one location versus several, and the DPW did advertise single-stream recycling. The local community caught on last fall. He continues to monitor the cardboard recycling market, and has reached out to three vendors who may be able to provide a consistent price per ton for cardboard, while also providing hauling. Mr. Cabral provided a revenue comparison, looking at FY 2017, May, June and July, and this year, May, June and July.
- Opportunities for removal of food-waste from the solid waste stream continue to be explored. Currently there are only two farms in our area that are permitted to accept food waste. Mr. Cabral's goal is to have a receiving area at the transfer station and a vendor to remove it by May, 2019.

Mr. Van Stratum asked if any spot checks have been done. Mr. Cabral stated he has not and will wait until the Town has its waste ban approval from the DEP. He said he would be looking at the larger haulers randomly, and would want the Health Agent there to move forward with checks, which would be noted in the DPW report.

- Mr. Cabral will be meeting with the Wellfleet Health Agent to discuss composting. Wellfleet has space at their transfer station to compost and Truro does not. Wellfleet also has a vendor that hauls cardboard, so he hopes to obtain information from them on these matters.
- Mr. Cabral provided rough numbers for July. This year the volume is down 46 tons from July of last year.

Mr. Van Stratum asked how the cameras at the DPW are working. Mr. Cabral receives daily updates from the attendants and is pleased at the low level of violations and repeat offenders, compared to last year at this time.

Ms. Rose asked about the textiles trailer and inquired who is buying it. Bay State Textiles is the vendor used by the DPW. They sell it in the New England area and to partners outside of the U.S. Ms. Rose asked if anything has changed with China's stricter recycling regulations. Mr. Cabral responded that the only change is that the price per ton has remained at the same for two months. Mr. Cabral reports that the recyclables are being distributed with domestic partners, and partners in Pakistan and India.

#### **Health Agents Report:**

- The Agent reported that she continues to work with DPW Director Cabral on several on-going environmental projects, and they are working to facilitate a community conversation about the status of the Pamet River study project.
- Permitting has been completed on the East Harbor culvert repairs. The project is now going into final plans and bidding. Mr. Peters inquired if the culvert repair will be a substantial increase in flow, to which the Agent replied that it will be a 1:1 replacement of just the outfall at this time. Mr. Peters asked if there is any expectation as to an enlargement of the culvert. The Agent responded that they are not having a conversation regarding restoration at this point, and are just dealing with the safety issues related to the outfall.

**Report of the Chair:** Ms. Rose continued following up on the articles regarding the recycling market.


**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:** July 17, 2018

**MOTION:** Mr. Silva motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Rose seconded; Vote: 3-0-2, motion carries with Mr. Peters and Mr. Van Stratum abstaining.

**MOTION:** Mr. Silva moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Michelle Fogarty

  
Chair-Tracey Rose

  
Vice Chair-Jason Silva

  
Mark Peters, Member

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Clerk-Peter Van Stratum

  
Tim Rose, Member

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