

Truro Board of Health Minutes
August 21, 2018
4:30 PM-Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Chair Tracey Rose, Vice-Chair Jason Silva, Clerk Mark N. Peters, Member Tim Rose
Others Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to re-arrange the agenda to hear the Agricultural Fair applications to the beginning of the agenda; Mr. Rose seconded; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

III. AGRICULTURAL FAIR APPLICATIONS

Stephanie Rein representing Sustainable Cape and the Truro Agricultural Fair approached the board. Health Agent Emily Beebe requested the addition of the applications of Cape Cod Organic Farm and the Local Juice and requested the approval of the applications in the board's motion.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to approve the applications as presented, as well as those listed in the agenda; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM: 1. 157 Slough Pond Road - Waiver of Time for Septic System upgrade

Engineer Stephanie Sequin of Ryder & Wilcox, represented 157 Slough Pond Realty Trust. The property is 3 ½ acres with a 4 bedroom main house and a detached building with plumbing. The cesspools date back to the early 1950's. The buyer is scheduled to close on the purchase of the property on Nov. 30, 2018 and hopes to work with an architect on plans to modify the house. The buyer would like to delay the installation of the septic system until they have renovation plans. Ms. Sequin proposed a completion date of June 1, 2019. A survey of the property is complete, along with soil testing. The existing well has been tested and is acceptable. The property is unoccupied, and the buyers understand they will not be able to occupy the premises until the system is upgraded.

The Health Agent expressed the support of the project, specifically the benefit of the removal of the cesspools so close to Slough Pond.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to approve the waiver of time for the septic system upgrade to June 1, 2019 with the condition that the property will remain unoccupied until the upgrade is completed; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 3-0-1 with Ms. Rose abstaining.

AGENDA ITEM: 2. 408 Shore Road - Plan Revision and Water Service Hook-Up

Mr. Kevin Shea, owner of the property, approached the board. Mr. Shea explained to the board that the revision to the septic plan, originally presented by William N. Rogers, is the result of the need to move the septic tank due to the final location of the building. The revised plans show the building location

shifted to prevent the pile foundation from impacting the seawall tieback locations, thus triggering the minor relocation of the septic tank.

The Agent was in agreement with Mr. Shea's assessment of the proposed changes and stated that the changes were minimal and did not affect the variances previously approved.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to approve the plan changes as presented, with the original conditions; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to approve the water service hook-up; Mr. Rose seconded; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM: 3. 7 Whale Watch Drive – Failed Septic System and Bedroom Count Issue

Eric Martin, who is purchasing the property, approached the board. Neither the current owner of the property, nor a representative was present. Mr. Martin is under agreement to buy the property which was listed as a four bedroom dwelling. The assessor's records show the property as having four bedrooms. He became aware that the septic inspection failed, but was unable to obtain a copy of the report, so he contacted the sellers Agent.

The Health Agent provided the board with a summary, confirming the receipt of the failed inspection report which stated that the system is a four bedroom design. However, based upon the septic plan and installation permit on file, it was evident that the system is designed for three bedrooms. A walk-through at the property was conducted. The Agent counted the rooms in accordance with local Board of Health regulations and confirmed the existence of at least four bedrooms. Based on the bedroom count alone, the Health Agent determined the system failed. In addition to the issue of the number of bedrooms, the Agent was unable to clarify via the septic inspector's report what methodology was employed for deeming the system failed.

The board discussed the potential remedies regarding the bedroom count with Mr. Martin, but all agree that as he does not own the property, the board could not take action at this time.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to table the matter to a future date; Mr. Rose seconded; Vote: 3-0-1, motion carries with Ms. Rose abstaining.

III. AGRICULTURAL FAIR APPLICATION

Stephanie Rein representing Sustainable Cape and the Truro Agricultural Fair re-approached the board with an application on behalf of Joey's Food Truck.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to approve the application; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

REPORTS

Health Agent

The Agent attended the One Cape conference sponsored by the Cape Cod Commission and discussed the schedule for an upcoming Board of Health meeting to present a wastewater update.

Bug Off! Discussion: On May 2 the Outer Cape Health Agents assembled a panel of representatives from the state and county to discuss safe methods for pest management. The Board was encouraged to view the discussion, which is available on the Town website. The Board will discuss the presentation at a future date.

MINUTES

The minutes of August 7, 2018 were reviewed. **Motion:** Mr. Silva moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Mr. Rose seconded; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Silva seconded; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

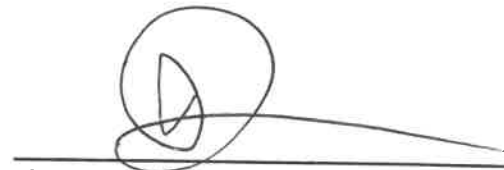
Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Fogarty


Chair-Tracey Rose


Vice Chair-Jason Silva


Mark Peters, Member


Clerk-Peter Van Stratum

Tim Rose, Member

