

Truro Board of Health Minutes
September 17, 2019
4:30 PM-Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Chair Tracey Rose, Member Mark Peters, Clerk Peter Van Stratum, Member Tim Rose, Alternate Member Meredith Goff
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.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

29 Knowles Heights Road, DAJA Investments, LLC (35/2); Waiver to Truro Board of Health regulations, section 6, article 4.1.a.

Attorney Lester J. Murphy, Jr. and Thadd Eldredge of East-Southeast, LLC, came to the table to represent the application. The applicant is requesting a waiver to allow for the installation of a new septic system post-closing. Attorney Murphy represents the proposed buyer of the property, who currently owns the property next door. Attorney Murphy's client would potentially like to make significant changes to the property, including removing and rebuilding the house and making other changes to the property. It is anticipated that said changes would require approvals of various Town boards/commissions. As the proposed buyer owns the property next door, they would not need to occupy the premises. An extension to May 1, 2020 for installation of the system is being requested. Copies of proposed septic plans were provided to the Board for review. Mr. Peters reiterated his understanding that there will be a non-varianced system and the property will remain unoccupied until the upgrade is completed; Attorney Murphy confirmed Mr. Peters' statement. Ms. Rose reminded the applicants to reach out to the Board prior to the expiration date should additional time for completion be required. **Motion by Mr. Peters to approve the variance request for the waiver of time to upgrade to May 1, 2020; seconded by Mr. Rose; Vote: 3-0-2, motion carries.**

Modification to a Definitive Subdivision Plan; Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill, Inc. 3 Edgewood Way (51/34, and 51/88) – (request to expunge a road) plans filed with the Truro Planning Board

Don Poole of Outermost Land Survey came to the table representing the application. Mr. Poole explained the configuration of the lots; the applicant owns two lots bisected by a private road. The applicant no longer needs to utilize that portion of the road located between the two lots and desires to have it expunged. Access to/from the property is available from Route 6. The Agent confirmed the removal of the way is a procedural matter.

Motion by Mr. Van Stratum to approve the proposed modification to the definitive subdivision plan; seconded by Mr. Peters; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

296 Route 6, Truro Motor Inn: update

The Agent apprised the Board that she exchanged email with Jason Ellis prior to the meeting; the Agent told Mr. Ellis that the Board expects to see the plan at that October 1st meeting. An inspection of the premises is scheduled for the interior issues, the exterior walk-around and to discuss square footage. The property owner has been served by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department with the notice of the hearing, the dwelling being unfit for human habitation and suspension or revocation of the license to operate the motel. The Agent delivered copies of the same package to the occupants of the Truro Motor Inn, with the assistance of the Truro Police Department and the Homeless Prevention Council. The Agent was able to reach about 10 occupants who were home at the time; packages were left for the remainder of the residents. The Agent assured the occupants that they were not being given notice of eviction and encouraged the occupants to attend the Board of Health meeting on October 3rd. An occupant asked the Agent if he needs to be worried; the Agent explained the lack of compliance by the property owner and that the Board must take action to have the corrections made. Nick Brown of Thomas D. Brown Real Estate came to the table. Mr. Brown was approached by occupants of the Truro Motor Inn, who were very distraught about possible eviction. Mr. Brown felt it would be helpful for someone to provide counseling to the occupants. Ms. Rose assured Mr. Brown that the Health Department can assist the occupants with contact information for service providers. Mr. Rose also offered assurance to Mr. Brown that the Board does not want to evict anyone, but the property owners have been ignoring the Board, and the Board is doing all they can to work toward a solution for the occupants. The Agent commented that part of the process is to address what may happen next for the occupants. Ms. Rose noted that the Board has been extremely reasonable in providing ample time for the DelGizzi's to address the very serious, uninhabitable conditions at the property and the non-conforming septic system; the Board has been more than generous in trying to give the DelGizzi's time to be responsible property owners. Mr. Van Stratum discussed his previous walk-through of the property and the conditions of the units. Ms. Goff asked if the Board has an obligation to notify the school of the ongoing proceedings. The Agent will check with the Town Manager and the Outer Cape Health Coordinator to facilitate a conversation with the school. Mr. Peters supported Ms. Goff's suggestion and added that the housing situation is directly reflected in the morale of school children, which can contribute to bad social situations. Ms. Rose asked anyone with concerns to contact the Truro Health Department at (508)349-7004 x131; the Navigator Program through Outer Cape Health Services at the Wellfleet office: (508)349-3131 or Provincetown: (508)487-9395. The Board then discussed the timeline and required documents that need to be produced by the property owner by October 1st.

Water Resource Protection Regulations: proposed amendments (Continued from September 3 meeting)

**Motion by Mr. Peters to continue the matter to the next meeting; seconded by Mr. Rose;
Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

Discussion on Standish Pond, North Truro

The Agent will conduct a site visit and will follow-up with the Board.

IV. REPORTS

DPW Director's Report

The DPW Director's report will be presented at the October 1st meeting.

Health Agent's Report:

- The flu clinic is scheduled for October 23rd from 11:00 – 1:00 at the Community Center. The clinic is being provided by Cape Cod Healthcare with the VNA.
- The Agent updated the Board about their National Incident Management System ("NIMS") training.
- A complaint about rats was received for which the Agent did a site visit. There is information on the Town's website about how to prevent rats at your home.
- Another EEE positive mosquito sample was received. The Agent urges the public to be aware and take precautions by wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants and repellents containing DEET; eliminate activities from dusk till dawn; and remove flower pots and flush bird baths every day. The National Park has cancelled all bonfires for the remainder of the year. For more information, the Agent directs the public to the Town's website.
- The Agent attended the Storm Preparedness Meeting with Town staff and neighborhood captains.

Report of the Chair

- Ms. Rose apprised the Board that she has been following news articles regarding "Pay as You Throw", which is being discussed in neighboring towns.
- Ms. Rose has also discussed on-going concerns regarding e-cigarettes and vaping. Ms. Rose suggested the Board re-visit their regulations to see if any updates are required.

V. MINUTES

August 20, 2019

Motion by Mr. Peters to approve the August 20th minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Rose; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Rose to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Van Stratum; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

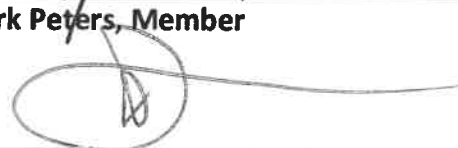
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