

Truro Board of Health Minutes

February 4, 2020

4:30 PM-Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Chair Tracey Rose, Vice-Chair Jason Silva, Member Mark Peters, Clerk Peter Van Stratum, Member Tim Rose

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

Mr. Kevin Kuechler of Parker Drive came to the table to comment on the Cloverleaf development. Mr. Kuechler has been a member of the Water Resources Oversight Committee, served as Truro's representative on the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board and was a hydrogeologist in the 1980's and 1990's. Mr. Kuechler provided the Board with ground water data analysis. Mr. Kuechler discussed the water quality in the area of Pond Village and water sampling that occurred between 2006 – 2017. Mr. Kuechler presented a map reflecting the location of the Cloverleaf project and the direction of water flow that may impact the homes in the area of Pond Village. Mr. Van Stratum asked what can be done to resolve poor water quality; Mr. Kuechler responded that past improvements in quality may have been attributed to the upgrade of a failed cesspool or septic system either at the property, or at a neighboring property. Weston and Sampson was hired in 2013 to do a water management plan for the Town; based on some of the data, Pond Village was designated as one of three areas of critical interest for nitrates in the town. Mr. Kuechler further reviewed and discussed the report prepared by Weston and Sampson. Mr. Kuechler is concerned about the impact the Cloverleaf development will have on the water quality in the area of Pond Village. Ms. Rose noted that the Board made a statement to the developer of the Cloverleaf and the Board is waiting for the peer review to be completed.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request for waiver: 5 Meadow Terrace (map 33, parcel 28), Macuch Family Irrevocable Trust: Truro BOH Regulations, Section VI Article 3(1)a. required upgrade before transfer

Lori Calio, the realtor for the property owner came to the table on behalf of the applicant. The property owner, for financial reasons, is unable to upgrade the septic system prior to the closing and the owner is nearing foreclosure. Jason Ellis of JC Ellis Design prepared the septic plan and an estimate for the installation of the system was obtained from Minot Reynolds. Ms. Rose noted that there is no proposed increase in bedrooms. Ms. Rose asked the Board if they would like proof that the funds will be held in escrow. The realtor confirmed that the lawyer will be holding the funds for the septic upgrade in escrow.

Motion by Mr. Rose to approve an extension of 90 days from the date of closing for the installation of the septic system with the condition that the property remain unoccupied; seconded by Mr. Peters; Vote: 4-0-1, motion carries.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

Truro Board of Health Regulations: proposed amendments

A. Section VII, Article 3: Water Resource Protection Regulations (Cont'd from 1/21/20)

Motion by Mr. Rose to hear this matter later in the agenda; seconded by Ms. Rose; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

B. Discussion on amendment to Section IV, Article 7, and Section V, Article 2, regarding swap shop volunteers

Diane Messinger, Co-Chair of the Recycling Committee came to the table. Ms. Messinger is requesting a change that allows people from outside of Truro to volunteer at the swap shop. Ms. Rose discussed the initial reasons for not allowing non-Truro residents to volunteer at the swap shop. The DPW Director, Jarrod Cabral sent an email to the Board in which he expressed support for the current volunteers and felt non-residents as volunteers would not be the best solution. Mr. Van Stratum discussed the misuse of the swap shop by some prior volunteers. Ms. Messinger expressed her appreciation for the current volunteers, noting how clean and organized the swap shop is kept. Ms. Messinger added how difficult it is to find volunteers. The Agent will attend a recycling committee meeting to discuss the matter with DPW Director Cabral.

Motion by Mr. Peters to table the matter; seconded by Mr. Silva; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

A. Section VII, Article 3: Water Resource Protection Regulations (Cont'd from 1/21/20)

The Agent updated the draft regulations; the performance standards for pre-existing uses within Zone 2 are still in progress. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Mr. Van Stratum added an additional comment regarding the swap shop. Mr. Van Stratum suggested the idea of a tax credit as a possible incentive for potential volunteers. The Agent will forward the suggestion to the Town Manager.

III. REPORTS

Health Agent's Report:

An Executive Session will be held on Feb. 6th at the Public Safety Facility with town counsel.

Report of the Chair:

The Chair did not have a report.

IV. MINUTES

January 7, 2020

Motion by Mr. Peters to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Silva; Vote: 4-0-1, motion carries.

January 21, 2020

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

Motion by Mr. Rose to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Silva; Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Fogarty



Chair, Tracey Rose



Vice-Chair, Jason Silva



Mark Peters, Member



Tim Rose, Member

Peter Van Stratum, Clerk

