

TRURO BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING HELD May 4, 2021

Board members in attendance: Chair Tracey Rose; Members Jason Silva, Brian Koll, Helen Grimm;

Member Tim Rose called in at 4:50; alternate Candida Monteith joined the meeting at 5:00

Also Present: Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe

The meeting was called order at 4:01.

The Chair announced the remote meeting procedures and asked for the cooperation of the members and public for a smooth meeting.

Change of Manager, (formerly Crow's nest cottages)- new dba is Piper's Shore Cottages, at 608 Shore Road, Michelle and Brice McKane; Peter's property management will be the management entity. The Town will contact PPM when needed. The Chair asked the Agent for comment; the Agent had discussed the process with the management contractor, and the owner. Jason Silva asked the new owners if there was any communication from the cottages to a front desk at Crow's Nest? The new owners stated that the property had been sold, and renamed as Piper's Shore, and was completely different in ownership and management from Crow's Nest. **Motion: to approve the change of manager with Peters Property management listed as the primary manager, and Michelle McKane listed as second contact, moved by Tracey Rose, second from Jason Silva. The vote was unanimously in favor 4-0.**

Change of Manager, 608 Shore Road, Crow's Nest Resort

There are 21 units and the new manager is John Letourno, who resides in unit 1. The Chair asked the Board for comments, hearing none she entertained a **Motion: by Jason Silva to approve as proposed, and seconded by Brian Koll., The vote was unanimously in favor 4-0.**

Change of Manager, 556 Shore Road, Shoreline Beach Condominiums

TJF property management will be the contractor responsible for managing the Condominium association. There were no concerns raised by the Board as the application was in order.

Motion: to approve the new manager as proposed; Motion by Helen Grimm, seconded by Brian Koll; the vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0.

Tim Rose joined the meeting at 4:50.

Change of Manager, 17 Shore Road, Shore Road Condominiums

10 units, with a new on-site manager is Mark Home improvement with residence at Alden Lane.

Mark will email his address to the Agent. No concerns were raised by the Board. **Motion: to approve by Jason Silva, second by Helen Grimm; the vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0.**

Recreational Camp license discussion about pending permit application from Camp Lightbulb. This was a preliminary discussion on operations for the 2021 season with the director Puck Markham. The Agent shared her screen to display the Massachusetts health and safety standards for re-opening. Puck described that last year the physical camp was closed due to COVID, but this year they have guidelines to follow to put a safe plan together. The COVID standards from the State include the travel advisory requiring testing 72 hours prior to arriving in the State. They will also need to take a test before being dropped off at the camp. They will also require campers to be vaccinated. They will cohort the campers based on the accommodations for bunks, and also stay in separate cohorts for mealtimes. They will limit off-site activities to keep the travel minimal and the risk reduced. The campers will need to be picked up

within 24 hours if ill. They will have a health supervisor on-site as well as a Health consultant, who will be Sue Roderick at OCHS. So, their application will either meet or exceed the requirements from the State. The camp will be open in 3 sessions due to the reduced # campers allowed per session (from 35 down to 24) from July 4-24 at the Hostel on North Pamet Road. Jason Silva commented that it was nice to have camps “back” for this year. Brian Koll asked if there was an issue with a medical contraindication to being vaccinated. Puck said he felt that would be a very difficult situation that they would have deal with if it came up. Puck said he hoped to have the final materials submitted for the Board to review at their June 1 meeting. No vote was required.

(Candida Monteith joined the meeting.)

Request for extension to waiver for required septic installation, at 40 Highland Road- Christina Dragon. An email was sent from the owners making the request. The house is not habitable as it is under construction. The request is for an extension until October; the Agent suggested to continue the condition that the property remain uninhabited until the septic is installed.

Motion by Jason Silva, to approve the extension until October 1 and to have no one living in the house until the system has been installed and inspected; second by Brian Koll; the vote was unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Jason Silva moved to hear the public Comment before the public hearings; second by Tim Rose, the vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0.

The Board opened Public Comment: Kristin Roberts, resident of Castle Road was present to let the Board know that as a business owner, there is a need for support around the guidance provided by the State.

Their stance as a business this summer was to be Safe first and busy second. For instance, in an outdoor environment, does the staff need to wear masks if they are comfortable taking them off, as they are fully vaccinated and outside? Will the restriction change during the summer? They operated safely without a single COVID case last summer. Guidance is needed on how to interpret the larger rules to continue to do things correctly. The final point was that it would be so busy -that they need to anticipate how to keep it safe.

The Chair responded that they would support the business community and would review the guidelines and determine what can be done to help. She asked the Board members if they would be willing to entertain this on a future agenda. The Board was in favor of having this discussion. Sue Arenson, Select Board member Liaison to the Board of Health asked if this topic could be brought to the Select Board, and encouraged the Board to have this discussion at their next available meeting date.

Clint Kershaw, resident of Highland Avenue expressed his full support of the Moriarty’s project on Highland Avenue. He also wanted to comment on the idea of connecting the neighborhood to the municipal water system which was mentioned at the previous Board meeting. He spoke in favor of connecting the Highland Avenue neighborhood, directly adjacent to the Knowles Heights wellfield to the municipal water supply. He asked the Board to support this initiative and bring it to the attention of the Select Board. He also offered to help in any way that he could to advance this initiative. The Board agreed with this suggestion to pursue bringing municipal water to this area, and to have it discussed as an Agenda item.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed regulations regarding Section 6, (supplement to title 5) and Section 8, (well regulations). Public Hearing was continued from 4/20/2021.

The Board had an edited version dated 5-3-2021 to review. Town Counsel had review the regulations and made comments. The edits to the well water regulations include a definition of the sampling process, a definition of change of use that corresponds with Truro septic regulations and the Zoning Bylaws. The triggers for water sample requirements include change of use and various permit renewals. Town Counsel also added a potability definition and consequence for its application; it also addresses the drilling of the well. This revision had not yet been reviewed by the Board, and it was suggested that this section be revised, and it will be discussed further at another meeting.

The Board returned to the discussion about the proposed amendments to local title 5 regulations. The definitions were reviewed in detail. The definition of a failed system precipitated questions. Chris Lucy asked about the GW separation, and if it included an adjustment; he then asked if the past approval of variances to separation to groundwater would be allowed. The Agent responded that this was a question for the Board, did they want to “re-litigate” past process? Candida Monteith felt that it was not fair to revisit the variance process and agreed that it was messy. The Board concurred with the recommendation to move forward with the regulation as written, and that the 4’ and 5’ separation to observed groundwater shall stand, without revisiting past variances.

Town Counsel consolidated the sections of upgrades required, inspection required, and reorganized the section pertaining to I/A.

There was discussion about the article requiring upgrade using I/A in cases where nitrogen loading limitations were exceeded. The Board had not yet had a thorough discussion about whether they were in favor of adding pressure distribution to the I/A requirement. The Chair felt it should be required as needed; Jason Silva felt that the cost was a factor, but there are cases where it is required and appropriate. Candida Monteith supported the idea that the Board could require it with language such as *not limited to- or, included and not limited to as determined by the Board*. Brian Koll suggested that language should give the Board the option to require it on a case-by-case manner using the language *when indicated*. The Agent will return to the Board with information about the requirement to use pressure distribution by Wellfleet, as well as a better idea of added costs, treatment and standards for use of PD.

The Health Agent's report re-opened the topic from Public Statements about COVID guidance, and suggested a public conversation about the conflicting information and guidance on masking. The May 11 meeting of the Select Board would include a discussion to discuss the guidance and the Mask Order. The Agent suggested that Board members who could attend, should try to do so, and that if an interim meeting of the Board was required, they would be contacted. Select Board member Sue Arenson encouraged the Board to attend a-even if it was a full quorum of the BoH. She let them know that they could make comments, but they could take no action or deliberate as a body.

Chris Lucy had comments about the inspection form, including adding the criteria of Conditional Pass and the consequences for a BR count that did not match the design flow. The Chair thanked Mr. Lucy for his dedication to the process and for his help during the discussions.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting- moved by Jason Silva; second by Helen Grimm, the vote was unanimously in favor 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:07.

Minutes prepared by Emily Beebe