

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday June 15, 2021

This was a hybrid meeting, with several members in person at the Select Board meeting Room.

Board members in person were: Chair Tracey Rose; Vice Chair, Jason Silva, members Brian Koll and Helen Grimm ; Alternate Candida Monteith was participating remotely. Also Present remotely was Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 by the Chair, Tracey Rose, who described the hybrid approach, announced the remote meeting procedures and asked for the public's patience as this was our first hybrid meeting.

There were no public comments, and the Chair opened the Public Hearing on the Board of Health Masking Order to review the recommendations to modify the order.

The Chair read the revised Order which retained the requirement that all persons must wear face coverings and observe physical distancing while inside all public buildings until at least September 7; this provision was extended to any business which required masking in their establishment. All reference to outdoor masking has been removed.

Brian Koll felt it would be important to inform the public about the effectiveness of the vaccine against the delta variant, and to include the recommendation of the CDC that all non-vaccinated individuals wear a face mask in all public areas. This suggestion was included in the revised Order: *It is recommended that a person not fully vaccinated shall continue to be masked in public.*

The sunset date of September was discussed and it became clear that the Board was comfortable with revisiting the Order with changes.

There was a question from Karen Ruyman about the words required and recommended.

Motion : by Jason Silva – to approve the Order dated June 15 as discussed;

Second: Brian Koll; Vote was 5-0 in favor, the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

Application for new water service: 9 Highland Rd, this was Continued from June 1 in order for the property owner to provide the Board with an updated well water sample analysis. The sample was still in the analysis process, and the data would be available for a future meeting. This matter will be revisited at the next meeting.

Report of the Chair – Tracey felt it was important to share the documents used for the application to apply for a water service connection process. Jason Silva asked how many connections can be made to the water system with the extension of the line. The Agent responded that that number was not clear, as there is a storage issue that impacts the number of connections that can be made in Truro.

The Board asked the Agent to schedule the next appearance from the DPW director

The Health Agent's report included an update on the Swap Shop re-opening, tentatively set for July 10, only on days when it staffed with volunteers. Hours 8-2, Saturday thru Monday pending volunteer staffing. The Agent also reported on a County meeting she attended on RME's – Remote Management Entities looking deeply at the operation and maintenance aspect of I/A systems; a topic that would be revisited.

There was a question about minutes, and when they would be available, and the Agent replied that the Town was hiring a minute taker, and that the Health and Conservation Department was looking forward to turning this task over, at which point minutes would be delivered.

Motion to adjourn Jason Silva; **Seconded** by Helen Grimm Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM

Approved 11-18-2021

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