

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Friday August 6, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Remote Public Hearing

Board members in attendance: Chair Tracey Rose; Vice Chair, Jason Silva, members Helen Grimm and Brian Koll. Also Present: Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe; The Public Hearing was opened at 2:05 by the Chair. The Chair announced the procedures for remote participation by the public and the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING: Rule and Order requiring the use of Masks and other protective measures

The chair read the proposed changes to the Order Discussion on the amendments to the current order to include guidance for the public and business owners. There was discussion about changes to the Order that clarified where masks must be worn, regardless of vaccination status. Language was submitted by Member Brian Koll to educate the public that full vaccination was encouraged to reduce hospitalization and morbidity and that unvaccinated individuals should wear face masks in all public places. There was discussion by the Board about the proposed changes. It was requested that the possible "rescind by" date be removed and this was agreed upon.

A public comment was called into the Health Department office from Clair Perry about the Order; she said that a mandatory mask requirement is difficult for businesses to enforce, especially younger staff members. Her hope was that it would not be mandatory as their signs indicated that Masks were preferred.

Ron Fichtner of 4 Pilgrims Path commented that he found the changes to the Order were timely and he complemented the Board for making the changes. He felt that the language "upon entering" was misleading and wanted the language to be clear, and this was discussed

**Motion: Helen Grimm moved to approve the Order as amended;
Second from Brian Koll; the vote was unanimously in favor, to approve the Order and the motion carried, 4-0.**

The Agent advised the Board that in-person meetings needed to be considered, as the Town Manager had received requests from a Committee wishing to meet at the Public Safety facility. The chair felt that the current situation was still too fluid to make a determination. The members agreed. Brian Koll suggested that there were space requirements that needed to be considered, as well as ventilation of the space. Helen Grimm agreed that there were many factors to consider. Brian asked if an outside meeting was an option and this was discussed briefly.

There was a motion from Helen Grimm, which was seconded by Brian Koll; the vote was unanimous; the hearing was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:39.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes prepared by E.Beebe
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