

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday March 1, 2022

This was a remote meeting. Board members in attendance: Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair, Jason Silva Board; Board members: Helen Grimm, Brian Koll; Member Tim Rose came to the meeting after it opened. Also Present: Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe.

The meeting was called to order at 4: 29 PM by the Chair, Tracey Rose; she announced the remote meeting procedures and described the process for public participation.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

Current COVID-19 guidance and review of the “rule and order requiring the use of masks and other protective measures” (last revision date 2-15-2022).

The Agent explained that most communities are making masking requirements optional. The Board reviewed the amended mandate dated March 1st, 2022, reviewed by, and with recommendations from Town Counsel. The Board of Health members helped to clarify, edit, review and construct the following points in the order. The document included the following modifications to the Truro rule and order to require masking and distancing in certain public places:

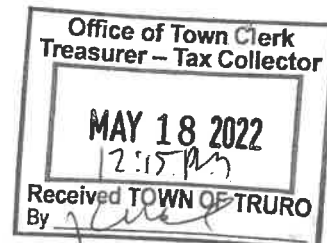
- The Indoor mask mandate will transition to a voluntary program based on the continued decrease in reported incidences of Covid-19, improved availability of Covid-19 home tests and ample access to vaccines.
- The Annual Town Meeting will be held in person but will require masking due to the difficulty to maintain a healthy recommended distance from each individual attending.
- Masking is advised indoors when it is difficult to maintain at least six feet of physical distance between yourself and others not of your household. Masking and distancing remain effective tools to protect yourself and others.
- Because masking will be voluntary going forward, the Board of Health requests the public to be considerate and respectful of the personal preferences expressed by others regarding masking
- 10 day masking recommended for individuals recovering from COVID-19
- Unvaccinated individuals are still recommended to adhere to masking requirements for their safety and to protect the individuals they come in contact with.

The Board members offered clarification to sections 3 through 7 of the Order and agreed to move forward.

Motion: Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the amended rule and order

Second: Board member Brian Koll **Vote:** 4-0-0 ; the vote was unanimous and the motion was approved

Variance Request: 45 Corn Hill Road- continued from 2-15-2022: The Agent stated that she had received an e-mail asking for a continuance for the variance request to the next Board of Health meeting.



Motion: Board member Helen Grimm moved to approve the continuance request for 45 Corn Hill Road for the March 15, 2022 Board of Health meeting.

Second: Board member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 4-0, vote was unanimously in favor, the motion was approved.

Discussion: Upgrade process for business establishments for the 2022 licensing year, and standards for use of an Administrative Consent Order. **Motion:** Chair Tracey Rose moved to continue the discussion to the March 15, 2022 Board of Health meeting; **Second:** Board member Jason Silva **Vote:** 5-0-0 ; the vote was unanimous and the motion was approved.

Local Board of Health Regulation Review

Section VI – local title 5: The Agent explained that an inspection solely for location of the septic tank should be conducted prior to changing the footprint of a dwelling and when transfers of a property occur. Home improvements that do not require a structural change or an addition of living space to the residence should not trigger a septic inspection. The Agent explained the point of conducting septic inspections is to gauge the functionality of the systems in town. Section 3 was edited by the Agent and Board members for clarification. Title 5 was separated from the section in order to cast a wider net and clarify that all systems are included. Living space descriptions will be clarified in order to be more precise in what is expected for septic system installation and upgrade recommendations. Board member Brian Koll suggested adding a timeframe for nonconforming septic systems on a parcel. The Agent expressed that the term “immediately” should be understood as within 48 hours of the health report after inspection. Articles of the section were cut for redundancy and amended for legibility and clarity for the public. The Board agreed that bedroom allowance and the appropriate septic upgrade/installation with the bedroom allowance should be more clearly outlined in the regulation.

MINUTES: November, December

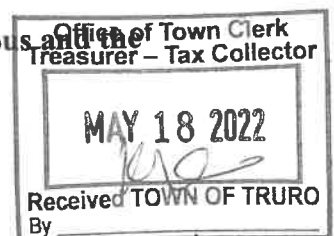
Minutes November 2, 2022-**Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the minutes

Second: Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0: the vote was unanimous and the motion was approved.

Minutes November 16, 2022:

Motion: Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the minutes.

Second: Board member Jason Silva; **Vote:** 5-0-0: The vote was unanimous, and the motion was approved.



REPORTS

Health Agent's Report: The Agent summarized a Provincetown Select Board meeting that she and Chair Tracey Rose had attended. The remote meeting covered a budget plan with numerous options to upgrade the sewer system in Provincetown, at a minimum to include properties already subscribed and those in environmentally sensitive locations to be connected to the sewer.

The options ranged from minimal repairs and improvements to address existing issues and to larger plans that could possibly include connecting part of Beach Point, North Truro. The Agent stressed that sewerage is the best option for protecting the environment, especially those properties located on Beach point with non-conforming systems. Chair Tracey Rose reiterated the importance of keeping the conversation open with regard to the Provincetown sewer system.

Motion to adjourn by Chair Tracey Rose

Second by Board member Tim Rose ; Vote was 5-0 unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM



Minutes respectfully submitted by: Nina Richey

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