Truro Board of Health Minutes
March 8, 2016
4:30 PM-Truro Public Library
Work Session

Members Present: Chair-Tracy Rose, Member Ansel Chaplin, Member Mark Peters, Member Tim Rose, Member Jason Silva
Others Present: Agent Pat Pajaron, Chris Hubbard from WasteZero, & John Lipman from Lipman Development Strategies

Chair Tracy Rose called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

Chris Hubbard started the power point presentation by giving some facts and information about WasteZero. He stated that when people pay for each bag, it makes them more aware of what they are putting in it and start to recycle & compost more. Each person is paying for exactly what they throw away. The Towns/Cities usually see a 44% reduction in trash. Pay As You Throw helps address the financial problems that trash creates. Currently there are 6 landfills left in Massachusetts, in a few years there may be none.

The bags usually run in 2-3 sizes: 33gal, 18gal, 8/10 gal. The cost is based upon what operation costs the municipality wants covered such as the actual disposal cost that the Town/City would be paying for that bag. There is still a sticker fee as well. The group discussed ways to monitor and control the use/misuse of bags. One concern is the effect on large families. Mr. Hubbard explained his own situation with having two kids at home in diapers and the comparison of how much the actual diapers cost versus the $1.00 (the amount where he lives for the size bag he uses) it takes to throw them away.

Mr. Hubbard suggested that in order for it to work efficiently, you need to provide an avenue for disposing the "exception" items, such as rigid plastic (plastic chairs, kids toys, etc.). The Town of Dennis allows styrofoam to be thrown in the hopper without a bag.

The Board felt they would need one more work session in order to make a decision.

Mr. Silva motioned to adjourn.
Mr. Rose seconded.
Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Arozana Davis, BOH Secretary

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Chair-Tracey Rose

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Vice Chair-Jason Silva

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Clerk-Mark Peters

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Ansel Chaplin

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Tim Rose

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