



Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday October 3, 2023

This was a remote meeting.

Board members in attendance:

Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva; Board Members: Helen Grimm, Tim Rose; Absent: Board member Brian Koll, Alternate Member Candida Monteith
Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Proposed Stormwater Management bylaw- Discussion on possible recommendation to the Town Meeting: A Stormwater Management Bylaw is on the October 21, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant. This bylaw establishes the concept to the population and performance standard to the Town and residents that rainwater be recharged on-site to prevent stormwater runoff.
Motion: Board member Helen Grimm made a motion to endorse the Stormwater Bylaw recommendation as presented; **Second:** Board member Jason Silva; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion passed.

Proposed change of on-site manager-: White Village Condominium, Pamela Beshold, new on-site manager; Deborah Bonneau. Harry Palmer, a representative of the White Village Condominium, provided the Board members with an update on the Condominium management. The former on-site manager passed away and the co-manager sold their unit. An annual inspection was conducted in September, and no significant issues were reported. The Health Agent recommended approval. Chair Tracey Rose reminded the new managers of the expectations set forth by the Board of Health for condominium managers. **Motion:** Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the request. **Second:** Board member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion passed.

Local Variance Request: 6 Katherine Road, Anne Marshall Trustee, The Anne E Marshall 1999 Revocable Trust. Bob Reedy from JM O'Reilly & Associates was on the call to represent the Marshalls. This property is in the Wellfleet Harbor watershed area which has a nitrogen TMDL. The plans depict an enhanced I/A system and the only variance being requested is to the distance between the SAS and the wetlands. The Agent supported the proposed upgrade plan. Chair Tracey Rose asked about the number bedrooms in the dwelling, a higher count was indicated on the assessor's card. Based on a walk-through of the dwelling, the Health department determined that this was a 3-bedroom home. **Motion:** Board member Tim Rose moved to approve the plan as presented; **Second:** Board member Jason Silva; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion passed.

Cesspool Upgrade program: Discussion about enforcement schedule and strategy.

The Health Agent shared a sketch of "Cesspool Upgrade Compliance" buckets with the Board. There are four different buckets shown to represent different levels of property compliance status. Bucket number #1 includes properties with valid permits to install the upgraded systems;

Bucket number #2 includes properties that will be under ACOs. The action item associated for these buckets would be to finalize these legal documents.

Bucket number #3 shows property owners who have established a good faith relationship with an engineer, but do not yet have plans, or permitted plans. The action items for the number-3 bucket includes establishing milestone dates for plan completion, permitting and installation.

Bucket number #4 includes property owners that have not made any progress towards upgrading their system. The action item for bucket #4 includes issuance of a final certified order to correct. The Agent asked the Board for their recommendations about timing for the milestones to have plans completed and installed. Board member Jason Silva agreed that extensions should be granted to those who have been making progress towards upgrading. He also added that there can be extenuating circumstances causing people to not have acted on the upgrade requirement. Board member Tim Rose added that he believes those people who are permitted should be given a 6–8-month waiver of time and those who have contracted engineers should be given a year to upgrade.

Board member Helen Grimm asked whether enforcement would include condemning property. The Agent responded that any Court action will be issued by the housing court, and could result in condemnation, but the court would establish their own timeframes for compliance. The Chair asked for timing recommendations from the staff and stated that a rapid issuance of the Orders for Bucket number #4 is important.

The Agent suggested that the next meeting include discussion of milestone schedules, and they would draft updated correspondence to the remaining property owners.

The Board had a schedule to adhere to, regarding an executive session at 5:30 with Town Counsel, Gregg Corbo and continued reports to the next agenda.

Minutes: September 5, 2023; there was no discussion. **Motion:** Board member Tim Rose moved to approve the September 5, 2023 minutes as presented; **Second:** Board member Jason Silva; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion passed.

Board member Tim Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Board member Jason Silva; Vote: 5-0-0, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M.

Minutes submitted by EB

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