

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday November 15, 2022

This was a remote meeting.

Board members in attendance:

Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva; Board Members: Helen Grimm, Brian Koll, Tim Rose, and Alternate Member: Candida Monteith; Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by the Vice Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation. The Vice Chair continued to Chair the rest of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ellen English read a letter into the record on behalf of Karen Ruymann requesting the following items be added to a future Board of Health agenda:

1. Appointing a Board of Health member as a Liaison to the Pond Village Friends Group
2. Discussion of potential fertilizer regulations.

Municipal Water Service connection request: Stones Throw Condominiums, 6 Shore Road; (*continued from 10/18/2022*) Barbara Correa, a trustee, was on the call to represent the Stones Throw Condominium Association's request to connect to the Provincetown Public Water Supply. The October PFAS levels were reported at 21.7 ppt which exceeds the 20 ppt limit and lower from September levels. The trustees want to pursue a long-term solution to the water issues by connecting to the public water supply. The Health Agent added that she has been in communication with Cody Salisbury, superintendent to the Provincetown Water Department, and he does not foresee any issues with the Stones Throw Condominium Association connecting to the public water supply. Next steps after approval would be for engineering discussions to be held between Provincetown Water and an engineer for Stones Throw. Board member Brian Koll asked about temporary remedial steps. Two residents have identified themselves as in a subgroup requiring remediation. One unit has installed a reverse osmosis system and the other as a summer resident will be provided bottled water. The Board Chair Tracey Rose asked what the flow for the property was. The Health Agent answered that the septic flow is approximately 3500 gpd making the water supply requirement 1750 gpd. Jack Reimer asked about precautions for the surrounding neighborhood. **Motion:** Board Member Tim Rose moved to approve the request; **Second:** Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote** 5-0-0, The motion passed.

Variance Request/Local Upgrade Approval: 45 Corn Hill Road (*continued from 11/1/2022*) Jason Ellis was on the call to represent the upgrade request. A revised plan now shows the new well location. The public water supply easement was discussed. The Board Chair Tracey Rose asked who is responsible for protecting the water lines. The Agent stated that the easement as now noted draws attention to the presence of the public water supply lines and allows any necessary maintenance. **Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to approve the request with the condition that the upgrade be completed prior to 12/31/2023 or prior to any property transfer if that is sooner; **Second:** Board Member Helen Grimm; **Vote** 3-0-2 with the Chair Tracey Rose and Board member Tim Rose abstaining, The motion passed.

Local Variance Request: 108 Slough Pond Road

Linda Cronin represented the request. She described the property as a single-family compound consisting of two buildings served by composting toilets. The composting toilets are on a maintenance schedule where all the solids are hauled off-site and the liquids are composted on site. The request is for a variance to the local requirement for I/A treatment for any system that is serving more than 5 bedrooms. The total flow on the property included a 6-bedroom Title 5 to handle only the gray water for the main house (4 + 2), and a 1-bedroom Title 5 to handle only the gray water for the cottage. No approvals for the clivus units had been granted previously, and graywater was currently being disposed of in a cesspool. There was discussion about the lack of building permits and plumbing permits for this property. The Board Chair Tracey Rose suggested continuing the matter so that the discrepancy with the bedroom count and permitting issues could be further evaluated. **Motion:** The Board Chair Tracey Rose moved to continue the request until the December 6, 2022, meeting; **Second:** Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote 5-0-0, The motion passed.**

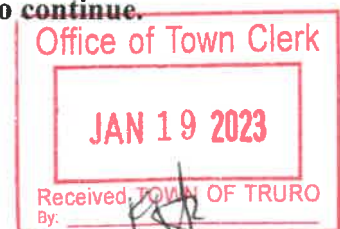
Waiver of time: 12 Twine Field Road

Chris Nagle was on the call to represent the owner. The septic system has failed, and the house is being sold. Designs for an I/A system have been completed and the request is for a waiver-of-time to allow the buyer take on responsibility for installation. This is a 90-day extension request from the date of sale. The Board Chair Tracey Rose commended the applicant for their completed application. **Motion:** Board Member Brian Koll moved to approve the waiver of time, giving the Applicant until Feb 17, 2023 to install the system with the condition that the dwelling shall not be occupied until the system has been installed and certified; **Second:** Board Member Helen Grimm; **Vote 5-0-0, The motion passed.**

Inspection report discussion: 9 South Highland Road

Jason Ellis described the reverse engineered septic plan/inspection findings. There are two wells both within 100 feet of the leaching area on the property, so the current system does not comply with Title 5. Jason Ellis asked how the Board would like to proceed. Paul Morris, the homeowner, stated that he was unaware of how close the wells were to the leaching area. The Board Chair Tracey Rose stated that the Board has to do what is right and should do their due diligence before coming to a decision. **Initial Motion:** Board Member Tim Rose moved to continue the request until the December 6, 2022, meeting; **Second:** Board Member Brian Koll; **Vote 5-0-0, The motion passed.**

The Board initially motioned to continue the matter, but Mr. Morris said that he would like to have Jason Ellis design an upgrade. The Health Agent suggested designing a compliant system is the best option. Therefore, **Jason Silva moved to rescind the motion to continue.**



Due to time constraints, The Board Chair Tracey Rose moved to continue the following agenda items to the next meeting:

- 1. Water Resources Update**
- 2. Minutes: October**
- 3. The Health Agents Report**
- 4. The Chairs Report;**

Second: Board Member Brian Koll; Vote 5-0-0, The motion passed.

Helen Grimm moved to adjourn the meeting: Second: Board member Tracey Rose.; Vote: 5-0-0, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Janina Richey

