

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday July 18, 2023

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 Candida Monteith;

Also Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren, Anastasia Rudenko, GHD, Scott Horsley, GW consultant, Dan Gates & Eliza Morrison from CC AIDS Support group, Alex Nelson, Network coordinator for Outer Cape Community Solutions

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jack Reimer asked for a future agenda item to discuss what advanced treatment systems are available for use. Karen Ruymann, spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Village Pond Water Shed, requesting the help of the BoH and the Health Department, to promote the passage of the stormwater bylaw together.

Mr. Hickey was at the Local comprehensive planning meeting where there was brief discussion on returning some of the treated wastewater from Provincetown to the Pamet lens, and he was concerned about this and wanted more information. Jack Reimer pointed out that the Truro Motor inn had evicted its last tenant. He would like to see an agenda item about how the Truro Motor inn might be used to support the housing needs of the Town.

CWWMP Discussion with GHD/Scott Horsley- Anastasia Rudenko from GHD shared her screen to share a PowerPoint presentation with the Board about development of the Comprehensive management plan.

They will be looking at different options for the Town to manage wastewater, both on-site system options and the feasibility of centralized treatment. They have been meeting with Jim Vincent of Provincetown to discuss possible inclusion of the Beach Point area (between 147 and 706 Shore Road) into the Provincetown wastewater treatment system. They also will look at expansion options and cost effectiveness of different technologies.

She referenced the 604b study done by S Mast at UMASS Dartmouth and the towns of Truro and Provincetown, to evaluate marine water quality impacts.

We have understood that a connection is possible by 2030, based on funding in part by the USDA.

The Town has indicated that they continue to include a placeholder volume that represents Truro's GPD (gallons per day) for existing development.

Scott Horsley added that the possible addition of Truro's wastewater to the Provincetown system would be a great benefit to the environment of East Harbor, and Cape Cod Bay.



Jack Reimer asked Anastasia about the reason there are impacts to East Harbor and Cape Cod Bay. Anastasia stated it was nitrogen from development, as well as the geology of the area, where groundwater is very shallow. Sue Areson asked if the new culvert to East Harbor would improve the water quality. The Health Agent responded that the new culvert was a 1:1 replacement and would improve conditions as the old pipe had been so deteriorated, as to restrict flow- but a more significant exchange is still needed; this will not be possible until the DOT decides to come to the table to address/enlarge their infrastructure. Sue pointed out that she thought the main issue was storm water draining from Route 6 right into East Harbor which was quite visible when kayaking in the water body. Jack Reimer asked if the 150,000 gpd would be a no net increase?

Board member Jason Silva asked if the clean water protection fund would possibly be funding that we could get. Scott Horsley responded that the timing was important, and that it would get much more expensive were we to wait. The Agent pointed out that the opportunity for funding would be enhanced with the addition of Truro to the USDA application.

Board member Brian Koll asked if the letter should include a time frame for the letter to try to frame a schedule. The Agent agreed. The letter would initiate the discussions to determine the feasibility and financial implications. Board member Helen Grimm asked about the environmental/financial difference between I/A and sewerage.

Anastasia's answer was that environmentally, sewerage removes the nutrient load out of the watershed, as opposed to using an I/A to just reduce the load. Once the costs have been outlined the feasibility will become clear. Jason Silva raised his concerns about the flood plain, and sea-level rise. Scott Horsley's opinion was that a sewer line would be much more resilient to changing environmental conditions than would on-site systems.

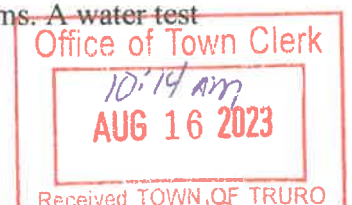
Motion: Board member Helen Grimm moved to move the letter of support forward by the end of October; Second: Board member Brian Koll; Vote: 5-0-0; the Motion passed.

Presentation by the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod (ASGCC) - Harm Reduction Services, NARCAN & Syringe Service Programming

Director Dan Gates and Eliza Morrison presented a power point of ASGCC's Harm Reduction Services, updates on ASGCC work to provide Fentanyl test strips on the Outer Cape, NARCAN distribution and NARCAN training programs, and their mobile outreach services. They also provided information regarding their syringe service programming that they were seeking available funding from MA Department of Public Health and sought a letter of support. Board members were enthusiastically in support.

Motion: Board member Brian Koll moved to approve a letter of support for funding through Mass DPH; Second: Board member Helen Grimm; Vote: 5-0-0

Request to appear before the Board of Health: 82 Shore Rd, Salt Air Condominium, septic failure – Arnie Greenfield, trustee, and Glenn Harrington, RS, were on the call to represent the condo association. Septic system #1 has failed and septic system #2 needs further evaluation. The original design was for 19 bedrooms but there are only actually 16 bedrooms. A water test



including ammonia has been done and Glen Harrington is beginning to do the new septic design. They are looking into funding for replacing both systems, but they are requesting permission to upgrade in stages depending on funding. The Health Agent noted that this is a mid-1980s system and that she supported upgrading in stages. The Board agreed and since this was simply a discussion, there were no motions were made.

Local Upgrade Approval/Variance Request: 398 Shore Rd, Cottage Realty Trust

To accommodate the Conservation Commission, John O'Reilly updated the plan to move the leaching area under the deck and septic tank as far away from the dune as possible.

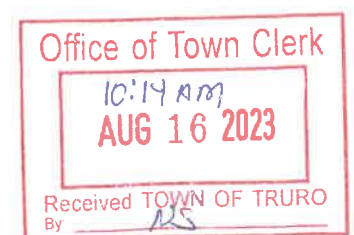
Consequently, a variance to the crawl space and to the property line are now required. The Agent suggested that the Board develop a finding that the standards of review have been met. The Board discussed whether the design provided environmental protection equivalent to that required by the code, and found that it did. Board member asked the homeowners if the property is seasonal and if it is rented. It is seasonal and is not rented. **Motion: Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the variances has requested with the condition that this be revisited within one year for a potential ACO. Second: Board member Tim Rose; Vote: 5-0-0; Motion carries.**

Local Upgrade Approval/Variance Request: 462 Shore Rd, Cousins Family Revocable Trust
Stephanie Sequin from Ryder & Wilcox described the property and the variances that are requested (setback from property lines, water lines, from foundation/slab). The Board discussed whether the design provided environmental protection equivalent to that required by the code and found that it did. **Motion: Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the variances has requested with the condition that this be revisited within one year for a potential ACO. Second: Board member Tim Rose; Vote: 5-0-0; Motion carries.**

Local Variance Request: 6 Toms Hill Path, Thomas D. France et al
Stephanie Sequin from Ryder & Wilcox described the large property with two buildings with a total of seven bedrooms. The property is served by one old septic system and two cesspools. They propose to abandon the cesspool serving the main house and connect that flow to the exist '78 code septic system. The guest studio would be served by a separate title 5 system. A variance to the requirement for I/A is being requested for this seasonal property. Various options were discussed including deed restrictions. The representative requested a continuance so that options could be further evaluated. **Motion: Board member Brian Koll moved to continue the matter until the August 1, 2023, meeting. Second: Board member Helen Grimm; Vote: 4-0-0 (Tim Rose had left the meeting); Motion carries.**

At the request of the applicants, the following agenda items are requesting a continuance until the August 1, 2023, meeting. The board acted on all of these together.

Local Variance Request: 24 Cliff Rd, Blair & Paul Resika



Local Variance Request: 5 Valentina Way, Estate of Marguerite Yannetty

Local Upgrade Approval/Variance Request: 7 Amity Ln, Irene Selver

Local Upgrade Approval/Variance Request: 38 Toms Hill Rd, Tina Ryman *et al.*

Motion: Board member Brian Koll moved to continue 24 Cliff Rd, 5 Valentina Way, 7 Amity Lane, and 38 Toms Hill Rd until the August 1, 2023, meeting. **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 4-0-0; **Motion carries.**

1. Water Resources Update –

The agent updated the board on the cesspool upgrade process. An enforcement strategy is being developed and ACOs may play an important role in this particularly as some properties have legal issues.

Stormwater Regulations – We are moving forward with getting a draft of a proposed stormwater by-law ready for the Fall Special Town Meeting. There will be other opportunities for comment.

Title 5 Changes – Most of Truro will not be immediately impacted but some of South Truro falls into the Wellfleet Harbor Watershed and will need to add enhanced I/A sooner than the rest of town.

Jack Riemer asked several questions including about the draft stormwater regulations, about enhanced I/A, and about the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning process.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes March 2, 2023: **Motion:** Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the minutes as written. **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm. **Vote:** 4-0; **Motion carries.**

Minutes May 2, 2023 : **Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the minutes as written. **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm. **Vote:** 4-0; **Motion carries.**

V. REPORTS – In the interest of time, both of these reports were advanced to the next meeting.

1. Report of the Chair
2. Health Agent's Report

Board member Brian Koll moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Board member Jason Silva. **Vote:** 4-0-0, the motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Emily Beebe and Courtney Warren.

