

Truro Board of Health Minutes
April 3, 2018
4:30 PM-Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Chair Tracey Rose, Vice-Chair Jason Silva, Member Mark Peters, Clerk Peter Van Stratum, Member Tim Rose

Others Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe

Chair Tracey Rose called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. Ms. Rose requested that everyone speak clearly for the video recorder. She asked if anyone in the audience was recording. No one replied in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 449 Shore Rd – variance request (cont'd from 2/6/2018)

The Applicant requested a continuance to June 5, 2018.

Mr. Peters moved to continue the hearing to the June 5, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Rose seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

2. 42 Corn Hill Rd – variance request (cont'd from 3/6/2018)

The Applicant requested a continuance to May 8, 2018.

Mr. Van Stratum moved to continue the hearing to the May 8, 2018 meeting. (*correction: actual meeting dates in May fall on the 1st and the 15th*)

Mr. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

LICENSING RENEWALS

- 1. Terrace Dunes Condominiums, 179 Shore Rd**
- 2. Horizons Beach Condominiums, 190 Shore Rd**
- 3. Dunes Colony Condominiums, 648 Shore Rd**
- 4. Whitman House Condominiums, 7 Great Hollow Rd**
- 5. Bay View Village Condominiums, 658 Shore Rd**

The Health Agent stated everything was in order.

Mr. Peters moved to approve items #1-5.

Mr. Rose seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion on ban on tobacco sales

The Board revisited the topic of restricting tobacco sales to people 21 years of age and older along with a few other wording changes.

Mr. Peters moved to amend the Board of Health Regulations to include the restriction of tobacco sales to people 21 years of age or older.

Mr. Rose seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

The Health Agent clarified the motion to make sure that it was clear that the vote was specifically for the age restriction and not for the proposed language amendments.

The Board continued their ongoing discussion on a tobacco sales ban. Mr. Silva felt it was the Board's purview to protect the health of the people and the environment in Town. Mr. Rose expressed concern for the businesses in Town that sell tobacco products. He also noted that no one is allowed to smoke on Town owned property. Mr. Silva agreed with Mr. Rose as far as being sympathetic to business owners. Mr. Van Stratum stated his reasoning for wanting the ban and asked if the Board would postpone the April 17 hearing with the local business owners since he would be out of Town. Ms. Rose said that she wanted to hear what Mr. Peters had to say before they addressed the postponement request. Mr. Peters stated that he look forward to the meeting with the business owners. Ms. Rose said she saw both sides of the argument. Penney Holeman, candidate for the Brewster Board of Health, came to the table to say that smoking is an addiction and not a free choice. The Health Agent reported that Town Counsel stated that the ban is a reasonable regulation and that there is no test case to look at because no other City or Town in the state of Massachusetts has implemented a tobacco sales ban. She did request a copy of the Westminster proposed regulation. The Health Agent also informed the Board that there is a petition going around Town by one of the local tobacco retailers as far as the proposed ban. Mr. Van Stratum requested that his fellow Board members hold off on the vote until his return. The Board members agreed.

2. Discussion on use of I/A systems for nitrogen credit for Accessory Dwelling Units

The Health Agent placed the discussion back on the agenda to get a feel for where the Board stands. The Board requested that the Health Agent send the proposed bylaw changes to them again via email, so they could review and discuss further at a later date.

REPORTS

Health Agents Report/WROC

- April 18th: Regional training exercise with DEP, United States Coast Guard, NPS, Provincetown, Truro & Wellfleet Fire Departments and Harbor Masters, at Pamet Harbor. Staging will take place at the Truro Fire Department at 7:30AM, training will take place from 8:00AM – 3:00PM.
- Bug Off! Safe Ways to Control Mosquitoes and Ticks: A panel discussion with entomologists and other experts in pest management. Wednesday, May 2 from 5:30PM-7PM.
- The Agent will have to request permission from the Town Moderator in order to have handouts at Annual Town Meeting (Bug Off! Information and correspondence from WROC)

WROC

Mr. Peters had nothing to report.

Report of the Chair

Ms. Rose will have the West Minster article for the next meeting. She also informed her fellow members that she will be taking a webinar through MAHB on the topic of recreational marijuana. She discussed a place holder as far as marijuana regulations/licenses. Mr. Peters asked the Agent to look other rural areas that have marijuana regulations that could be a model for the Board to work off of.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

March 20, 2018

Mr. Peters moved to approve as submitted.

Mr. Silva seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

Mr. Silva brought up the topic of year-round condos. He has been approached by members of the public to see where the Board stands on the proposed bylaw. The Board felt they should discuss it further and the Health Agent said she would provide them with staff correspondence on the subject. Sally Brotman, 24 Tom's Hill Rd, approached the Board in hopes of giving them confidence in the bylaw by expressing that they will have control in the process.

Mr. Rose motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Silva seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arozana Davis

Chair-Tracey Rose

Vice Chair-Jason Silva

Mark Peters, Member

Clerk-Peter Van Stratum

Tim Rose, Member