

TRURO BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2021

Board members in attendance: Chair Tracey Rose; Members Brian Koll, Helen Grimm; alternate Candida Monteith; Member Tim Rose called in at 4:30.

Also Present: Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe

The meeting was called order at 4:04.

The Chair made an announcement about the remote meeting procedures and explained that the meeting would end promptly at 5:00, due to the Select Board meeting.

3 Dune Way- Title 5 Variance Hearing; continued from March 2. The Chair informed the Board that the applicant requested a further continuance to obtain water test results.

Motion: to continue the variance request hearing to April 6 meeting; moved by Brian Cole; second from Helen Grimm. The roll-call vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0.

It was noted that the discussion on regulations would be taken out of order since the abutters notification for the second scheduled variance hearing noted the normal meeting time of 4:30 .

Motion: to adjust the order of the agenda; moved by Helen Grimm; Second from Brian Koll; The roll-call vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0.

Discussion on Proposed regulations - The chair read through the proposed fee schedule change that shows the addition of a \$50 fee for the review of title 5 septic system inspection report (section 17). She also briefly reviewed the proposed regulation amendments that trigger more frequent well testing (section 8).

The local title 5 regulations, Section 6 have numerous proposed amendments. The Chair began the review, reading the changes. This precipitated a brief conversation about cesspools. Candida Monteith suggested that requiring all cesspools to be upgraded would be burdensome to members of the public; there was brief discussion about cesspools not being built with standards such as vertical separation to groundwater and setbacks to private wells. The regulatory review continued and was paused to open the variance hearing.

28 Truro Center Road- Title 5 variance hearing: David LaJoie from Felco engineering presented their proposal to upgrade the system to meet Title 5 which required a variance to the southwest property line. The Chair read letters from the abutters at 23 Truro Center Road, located on the east side of Truro Center Road; the letters expressed the abutters concern about water quality, and implications of the variance request.

There was discussion about whether a water test was on file; further it was asked why the floor plan shows 5 bedrooms, and the Assessor's cards shows 7 bedrooms. It was suggested that the Health Agent complete a walk-through to confirm the floorplan and explore how the Assessors' records could list 7 bedrooms. The Board discussed whether granting the variance would provide the same environmental protection as required by the code; they then moved forward with conditioning the approval of the variance.

Motion: To approve the proposal with conditions of requiring a water testing and conducting a walk-through, moved by Helen Grimm; Second by Brian Koll, the vote was unanimously in favor 5-0, as Mr. Rose had joined the meeting.

Discussion on Proposed regulations -The Board returned to the discussion about the proposed amendments to local title 5 regulations. The revisions made to article 3 prompted a comment from Chris

Lucy about applying the testing, O&M and corrective action requirements being added to this section to all I/A systems, not just those designed with minimum standards of 19 mg/l TN. This suggestion was discussed and will be added to the draft amendments. The discussion on the regulations was tabled until the next meeting.

The minutes of February 16 were taken up; there was no discussion or corrections, but a motion to approve.

Motion: to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021; moved by Helen Grimm; second by Brian Koll, the vote was unanimously in favor 5-0.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting- moved by Helen Grimm; second by Brian Koll, the vote was unanimously in favor 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 4:58.

Minutes prepared by Emily Beebe