

Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday July 6, 2021

This was a remote meeting. Board members in attendance: Chair Tracey Rose; Vice Chair, Jason Silva, members Brian Koll, Helen Grimm and alternate Candida Monteith. Also Present: Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe. The meeting was called order at 4:36 by the Chair, Tracey Rose.

PUBLIC COMMENT: there were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

Application for new water service for 9 Highland Road; this was continued from June 15, and the owner, David Straznitskas was present to answer questions from the Board. The water test results had been submitted and showed elevated sodium levels. The well serving the house was 2" galvanized pipe, and would need to be completely replaced with a PVC casing and submersible pump for a cost of \$6000-\$6500, and his request was to connect to Town Water rather than drill a new well where the water quality was impacted by high sodium levels.

Motion by Jason Silva -To approve the water service application as proposed for 9 Highland Road.

Second: Brian Koll **Vote:** 5-0 in favor, the motion carried.

33 Ryder Beach Road - Title 5/Local upgrade and variance approval request: This proposal was presented by David LaJoie from FELCO engineering. There were no changes to the 5 bedroom dwelling;. An upgrade from cesspools is required as the property was for sale and under agreement. The plan showed the use of an I/A system, and variances were required from local regulations requiring 150' setback between septic components and wetlands; The local upgrade request included providing 81% of the required leaching area.

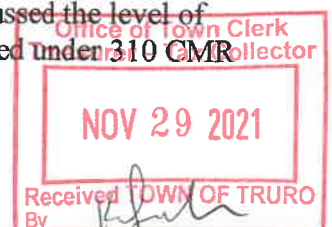
Alternate member Candida Monteith asked how the Board could consider variance requests for a 5 bedroom dwelling on an acre of land. Member Jason Silva pointed out that if it was a 4 bedroom dwelling no I/A treatment would be required. There was discussion by the Board about the environmental protection that was provided by the upgrade and the variances requested, which were due to the lot size, the grades and the location of wetland resources.

Motion by Helen Grimm -To approve the septic upgrade with I/A treatment with the condition that it is consistent with the local regulatory requirements for I/A.

Second: Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0 in favor, the motion carried.

7 Hughes Road- Title 5/Local upgrade approval and variance request. David Lajoie, From FELCO engineering presented the upgrade plan to the Board. The existing system had failed and an emergency repair permit had been issued to allow the property owner time for the upgrade plans to be developed. The plans showed the use of I/A and an elevated leaching area contained by a shoreguard retaining wall for a 5 bedroom design for the house and studio/barn. There was no increase in square footage or habitable space proposed. Due to the depth to groundwater, I/A treatment was proposed, and under remedial use this would allow the proposed reduction to the separation to groundwater from the 5 foot separation required to 3.2 feet. The lot is very small, and the use of the retaining wall kept the leaching area contained to a smaller area. A vernal pool is in proximity to the rear of the property. There was some discussion about the catch basin that was installed on the property. No easement for the catch basin or drainage line was on file/recorded. Alternate member Candida Monteith suggested that the wetland behind the house was being compromised, as the house had 5 bedrooms on a very small lot.

David Lajoie, described the local upgrade approval requests and local variance requests, The local upgrade requests include reduced separation between the septic tank and soil absorption system and the property lines; the depth to groundwater; and the reduction to the size of the leaching area(soil absorption system). Local variances were required from Truro Board of Health regulations requiring 150' setback between septic components and wetland resources. The presence of the I/A in the design plan was required to address the separation to groundwater but also compensated for the nitrogen loading. The Board discussed the level of environmental protection provided and found that it was at least equivalent to that provided under 310 CMR 15.000, title 5.



Motion by Helen Grimm -To approve the septic upgrade project as presented with variances, and consistent with the operation and maintenance requirements of local regulations.

Second: Jason Silva; **Vote:** 5-0 in favor, the motion carried.

5 Old County Road - Title 5- Local upgrade approval request presented by David Lajoie of FELCO engineering. David described the variances that were required to accommodate the upgrade design because of the lot size, they include a 7' reduction in the separation to the locus well, reduction in setback to the property line and the dwelling crawlspace. The property is not used year-round, and a new use is not proposed. There may be a rental in the future for a few weeks in the summer. The Board discussed the onsite well variance, and asked for an analysis of the water, and felt that if it was acceptable they could find that the level of environmental protection proposed would be at least equivalent to that provided in title 5.

Motion by Jason Silva -To approve the septic upgrade project upon submittal of an acceptable water sample.

Second: Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0 in favor, the motion carried.

658 Shore Road – Review Change of manager proposal for Bayview Village Condominiums; Noone from Bayview Village was present to answer questions from the Board.

Motion by Helen Grimm -to continue the discussion on change of manager to the July 20 meeting.

Second: Jason Silva; **Vote:** 5-0 in favor, the motion carried.

The Health Agent reported briefly on Mosquito Control efforts relative to the overwash at Bound Brook in Wellfleet; the first rabies case in the County in 8 years was detected in Barnstable, which triggered wider surveillance and an increase in vaccine baiting. Bathing beach water quality sampling on Beach Point has shown positive tests for enterococcus and kept a couple of the semi public beaches closed for more than a week.

Motion to adjourn Brian Koll; **Seconded** by Candida Monteith; Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM

Approved 11-18-2021

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