

**Truro Board of Health Minutes
June 16, 2020
2:00pm - REMOTE MEETING**

Members Present: Chair Tracey Rose, Member Mark Peters, Member Tim Rose, Alternate Member Meredith Goff

Others Present: Health Agent Emily Beebe; DPW Director, Jarrod Cabral; Town Accountant, Trudi Brazil

Chair Tracey Rose called the meeting to order at 2:06PM.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Rose inquired about the Fisher Beach ORV/pedestrian entrance; he stated he asked on behalf of himself and other fishermen. Could the Town widen the access to make it ORV and pedestrian friendly?

The Agent responded that the topic is non-jurisdictional to the Board of Health and clarified that the area is closed for ORV access because of the slope of the beach and it is an area that is perennially closed for nesting.

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Truro Transfer Station – DPW Director, Jarrod Cabral

DPW Director, Jarrod Cabral, provided an update. See attached.

Ms. Rose apologized to the DPW Director and the staff of the transfer station regarding comments made at the June 3rd meeting; Ms. Rose was unaware of the inter-departmental changes with some of the transfer station employees; she then asked about the date of full opening of the transfer station for July 1st as suggested. The Director responded that staff will be working seven days a week and pointed out that the staff needs to support the safety facility, clear the beaches and controlling the budget for the current year. The decision involving the limited opening of the transfer station was directly impacted by the ban on short-term rentals and the continually changing guidance from the state; the volume of tonnage provides guidance as to the operation of the transfer station.

Ms. Brazil informed the Board about the budget which has had to be modified until a Town meeting can be held; the town is operating under a "spending plan" per statutory requirements. A spending plan is put before the Board of Selectmen on a month-to-month basis; once approved, the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Manager to send the spending plan to the Department of Revenue for approval. Mrs. Brazil discussed the figures in detail, specifically as they relate to the DPW. The DPW Director has to plan on a week-to-week basis on how to get through the month with the approved amount of money. Without further discussion, Mrs. Brazil and the Director signed off from the meeting.

2. New Farmer's Market Permit Requests

A. Holbrook Oyster Zack Dixon called in to the meeting as the representative for Holbrook Oysters. Mr. Dixon is a wholesaler and will be working cooperatively with Beau and Kathleen Gribbin to sell shellfish at the market. The Agent asked Mr. Dixon to discuss his methodology

for protecting the shellfish, monitoring the temperature and the tagging requirements. Mr. Dixon responded that Ms. Gribbin will be handling the sales at the market. Mr. Dixon is aware of the tagging and time/temperature requirements due to his experience as a wholesaler.

Motion: Mr. Peters moved to approve the permit; seconded by Mr. Rose; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

B. Lara's Cuisine- Giuseppe Ferri called in to the meeting as the representative of Lara's Cuisine. The Agent reviewed the application for the Board and asked the applicant about the base of operations for manufacturing. Mr. Ferri is based in Duxbury and has a commercial kitchen in Rockland. **Motion:** Mr. Peters moved to approve the permit; seconded by Mr. Rose; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

3. Meeting Schedule - The public hearing for the Truro Motor Inn will be held on June 30th at 4:30 pm. Mr. Peters suggested holding the meeting in person at town hall, which he felt could be done with physical distancing and masking. The Agent responded that Town Hall is still closed but would speak with the Town Manager about options for meeting. There will be no meeting on July 7th; the next regular meeting is scheduled for July 21st.

III. REPORTS

Health Agent Report

- The Health Department is working with the recreation & beach office that will open soon. The Town is encouraging online sales as much as possible.
- The Agent has been communicating with businesses about their operating plans.
- No positive cases of COVID in Truro have been reported in about a month.

Ms. Goff commented that it is great that the town has had no new positive cases of COVID, but that will not remain the case; things will change as summer people start to arrive. Ms. Goff appreciated Mr. Peters' concerns about having in person meetings, but felt it was too risky to meet in person.

Report of the Chair

- Ms. Rose asked the Board members to be prepared for the next meeting involving the Truro Motor Inn.

Motion: Mr. Rose moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Peters; Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Fogarty 

