

Planning Board Meeting with Truro Board of Health
November 16, 2016—5:30 pm
Meeting Minutes
Truro Town Hall

Steve Sollog opened the joint meeting between the Board of Health and Planning Board at 5:29 pm. Tracy Rose opened the meeting of the Water Resources Oversight Committee with the Board of Health and the Planning Board.

Planning Board Members Present: Bruce Boleyn, Peter Herridge, Paul Kiernan, Jack Riemer, Steve Sollog. Planning Board Member Absent: John Hopkins and Mike Roderick.

Board of Health Members Present: Tracey Rose, chair, Jason Silva, Mark Peters, Ansel Chaplin, Pat Pajaron, Health Agent.

Water Resources Oversight Committee members present: Peter Romanelli, Bill Worthington.

Ms. Ridley spoke first to provide background and an overview of what the Planning Board hopes to accomplish with this meeting. Ground water resources are protected under the Truro Zoning By-law section 30.4. This does not apply to the entire Town; it only applies to a mapped area which are the zones of contribution to the public wells that service the town of Provincetown. The Board of Health regulations don't focus as much on the ground water protection other than on nitrogen levels, but not other contaminants. The Planning Board has been looking at revising section 30.4 upon being contacted by the Town of Provincetown water department, requesting that Truro take a look at wellhead protection regulations and enhance those. They are requesting a modification of the boundary of the water resource protection area to include an area that services the north union field well site. Two maps were distributed, one of the existing water protection overlay area and one that the town of Provincetown generated which shows the north union field well area. This is a more up to date map of the Zone 2. There is the question of updating the map of the Water Resources Overlay District, as well as the regulations.

Ms. Ridley suggested that the groups involved, the Planning Board, Board of Health and the Water Resources Protection Committee, might want to create a work group to address these two issues.

Ms. Rose spoke about Board of Health interest in the topic of ground water protection. She mentioned the well-known situation of a local business and the ABC (asphalt, brick and concrete) material which brought water protection to their attention. Other issues, including ones at the Transfer Station, have been taking up the Board's time and attention, until recently. Water Resource protection has been on their "radar" and they are wanting to bring it more to the forefront.

Pat Pajaron talked about nitrogen limitation in Zone 2. The Town is nitrogen sensitive and there are continuing discussions about how to proceed in this area.

Ms. Ridley asked if new BOH regulations that are being considered would be Town wide or only in Zone 2. Mr. Peters answered that they could be as extensive as the Town wishes.

Section 208 of the Clean Waters Act; DEP or EPA has directed the Cape Cod Commission to update the regional plan which hasn't been updated since the 1970's. Ms. Rose explained that they are looking into how to deal with non-conforming systems when there is financial hardship.

Mr. Silva spoke about building issues and water usage in the various areas and zones in town.

Mr. Riemer commented he didn't see any area on the maps where there is water for future needs.

Mr. Peters responded speaking about the complexity of the issues for the Town as well as the Seashore, including upgrading systems to Title V standards, and the phasing out of all cess pools. There has been discussion about tapping into the Barnstable County fund for no interest loans, or a Town fund.

Mr. Riemer thinks we should be more proactive, and consider that we might have to put in a sewage treatment plant at some point.

Bill Worthington said he knows the Town has been looking for water sources. Some well fields that have been found when pumped, lowered the wetlands.

Mr. Romanelli spoke about the work of the committee and agreed that it would be good to set up a meeting with the Planning Board. He said that they are working diligently to make a sewage plant unnecessary. As far as the map goes, we have a plethora of GIS information. He said that we should go with Weston and Sampson in revising the map. New regulations should be town-wide in order to be fair to all.

Mr. Riemer had a question about "hot spots" in possible proposals for new developments. Mr. Peters said that a subdivision would be on vacant land and to build you have to have potable water.

Ms. Ridley summarized key points by saying that BOH is taking up ground water protection regulations including nitrogen and other issues, for a town-wide regulation. An excellent suggestion was to utilize the data generated by Weston and Sampson, seeing whether changes to boundaries are needed. She wonders if we should touch base later regarding boundary issues, or put together a work group. There is an opportunity here for collaboration. She asked how we should continue this conversation. Should we put together a work group and bring back information gathered to the various Boards?

Mr. Peters and Mr. Silva spoke about more research and information gathering needed before a work group should be set up. Ms. Pajaron weighed in on other issues that need addressing first as

well: Title V regulations, fertilizers, and other prohibited uses. Ms. Ridley suggested that the Boards reconvene in the first part of next year.

Ms. Rose said that Water Resources Committee has a Phase one report on the website. She recommends Planning Board members take a look at that. Mr. Sollog reiterated that we are concerned about the entire Town's water as well as Provincetown's and Wellfleet's.

Mr. Boleyn moved to adjourn the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Riemer seconded. So voted, 5-0. Ms. Rose called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Blak

