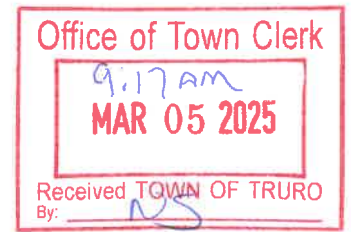




TOWN OF TRURO BOARD OF HEALTH

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Board of Health Meeting Minutes: December 17, 2024

This was a hybrid meeting held in person at Truro Town Hall in the Select Board chambers and via Zoom. **Board members present:** In person: Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Jason Silva, Board Member Tim Rose, and Alternate member John Dundas; **Board members absent:** Helen Grimm; **Also Present virtually:** Board member Brian Koll; **Also Present in person:** Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren;

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

Public Comment: Brian Dunne reported on extensive water testing at his home on Longnook Road and that the water quality was excellent. He suggested that the town require random water testing rather than just requiring testing for properties which rent.

Transfer Station Update & Proposed Change in Solid Waste Fees: DPW Director

Jarrold Cabral: Jarrold Cabral reported that the Transfer Station seasonal schedule will resume a seven day a week schedule this year. (June 10th - September 10th). Two new staff members have joined the department, one at the Transfer Station and one as a truck driver. He also noted that an agreement has been reached on an amended contract with SEMASS (now REWORLD) that caps any increase in cost per ton at 4.5% per year. This percentage follows the CPI index and if that amount is less than 4.5%, the Town would get the smaller percentage increase. The Transfer Station budget for fiscal year 2026 will decrease by \$36,813 due to a decrease in solid waste tonnage. Jarrold Cabral is recommending Transfer Station fee increases for white goods, commercial tonnage, and commercial permitting and noted that these fees have not changed since 2019. At this time, there is no recommended increase in residential permit fees. Board member Tim Rose expressed concern about the commercial hauler fees and permitting process.

Motion: Vice Chair Jason Silva moved to accept the rate increase; **Second:** Alternate member John Dundas; **Vote:** 4-0-1 with Board member Tim Rose abstaining.

Water Resources Report:

Health Agent Emily Beebe stated that eight properties still need to complete their ACOs and asked the Board to extend the deadline for completion by two months. The discussion with Provincetown about the feasibility of a sewer extension is continuing and that process will result in a better cost figure to use in the ACO document. She noted that the cesspool upgrades are continuing and that documents are being prepared for town counsel about homeowners who have made no progress. She also said that Wellfleet is looking to revise its regulations soon. The Agent informed the Board that homeowners within 500' of the transfer station are being notified about additional PFAS testing that

will occur in mid-January. Testing will also occur near Town Hall. **Motion:** Tracey Rose moved to approve the request to extend the ACOs deadline to March 1, 2025; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0, the motion carried.

Minutes: October 15, 2024; **Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024 meeting as presented.; **Second:** Board member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 4-0-1 with Chair Tracey Rose abstaining; the motion carried.

Report of the Chair:

The Chair reminded the Board that reorganization of the Board will happen in January and encouraged members to think about taking on a leadership role.

Report of the Agent: The agent had nothing further to report.

Motion: Board member Tim Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; **Second:** Vice Chair Jason Silva; **Vote:** 5-0-0, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19

Respectfully submitted by Nora Bates

