

Truro Board of Health Minutes  
March 20, 2018  
4:30 PM-Truro Town Hall

**Members Present:** Chair Tracey Rose, Vice-Chair Jason Silva, Member Mark Peters

**Absent:** Clerk Peter Van Stratum, Member Tim Rose

**Others Present:** Health Agent Emily Beebe

Chair Tracey Rose called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. Ms. Rose requested that everyone speak clearly for the video recorder. She asked if anyone in the audience was recording. No one replied in the affirmative.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. 5 Friendship Way – local variance to allow sale prior to transfer of deed**

The Agent reported that a waiver of time had been approved back in 2013 when the property was for sale. The sale fell through and therefore the upgrade never occurred. The property is currently in foreclosure and owned by Fannie Mae. Mr. Burnetter and his wife approached the Board and informed them that they were the buyers and that their closing date was Friday, March 23, 2018. They requested a 6 month waiver of time for the septic install because they have work to do on the house before they can move in. They stated that they do not plan on moving into the home until September. There was a plan designed back in 2013 when the original install was set to take place; that plan still meets current regulations as stated by David Lajoie, FELCO, Inc. to the buyers. Ms. Rose wanted to state for the record that the Assessor card shows a 3 bedroom home but the septic plan is designed for a 4 bedroom home. The lot contains 1.23 acres, which allows for a 5 bedroom system. She requested a walk-through be done to see how many bedrooms are in the existing home. The buyers agreed.

**Mr. Peters motioned to approve the variance as requested giving the Applicant until September 3, 2018 to install the Title 5 septic system with the following conditions: 1) the property cannot be occupied until the septic system has been installed, and 2.) a walk-through of the dwelling shall be conducted prior to start of any construction.**

**Mr. Silva seconded.**

**Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.**

**LICENSING RENEWALS**

**1. Beach Shore LLC, 124 Shore Rd**

**2. Whitman House Business Condominiums, 3&5 Great Hollow Rd**

**3. Sandbars Inn, 570 Shore Rd**

Ms. Beebe stated everything was in order.

**Mr. Peters moved to approve items #1-3.**

**Mr. Silva seconded.**

**Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.**

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. Discussion on ban on tobacco sales**

The Agent reported that the letters have gone out and that one business owner has responded. Ms. Rose felt that more outreach was needed to the community, rather than just the business that have licenses to sell tobacco products. She suggested doing a short article in the paper. The Agent said she would take care of it.

**Mr. Peters moved to defer the discussion until the April 3, 2018 meeting.**

**Mr. Silva seconded.**

**Vote: 3-0-0, motion carries.**

### **2. Update on Pamet River Project/recent storm events**

The Agent reported that some wells off of North & South Pamet were compromised during the flooding event/overwash. Letters to homeowners with wells in the flood plain are in process and should be sent out soon. The property owners were advised to conduct a water sample and that the Town would be covering the costs. The Agent informed the Board that the Town is also looking into properties that may have structures in the flood plain and the effects of sea level rise. She will continue to give the Board updates as the project carries on. The Agent went on to discuss the current public safety issue they are having at Longnook Beach. Public beach access is currently off limits and the Town is investigating ways to manage the stabilization of the Coastal Bank. Ms. Rose asked how salt water could affect leaching fields. The Agent felt that it could kill the bio-mat, depending on the degree of saturation.

## **REPORTS**

### **DPW Directors Report**

The DPW Director read his report. Please see attachment. The Board and Mr. Cabral discussed the solid waste and conduit they found when excavating for the scale installation, which resulted in a 1' shift in the location of the scale. Mr. Cabral had the addition to his report: The transfer station will now be selling blue recycling containers (\$6) as well as composters (\$43).

### **Health Agents Report/WROC**

- Staff from the Navigator Program through Outer Cape Health, came to discuss their program. They explained their mission is to extend their care beyond the clinic's walls.
- 9 Francis Rd enforcement letter was included in the packets. The majority of the required items per the Boards variance approval (2007), have been met.
- Mr. Peters gave the WROC report. WROC is planning on putting together a handout about septic system maintenance for Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Peters discussed the issue with tracking Trust transfers, as far as requiring septic system upgrades. The Board discussed setting a date for all properties served by cesspools to be upgraded by.

### **Report of the Chair**

Ms. Rose will have the West Minster article for the next meeting. She also informed her fellow members that she will be taking a webinar through MAHB on the topic of recreational marijuana. She discussed a place holder as far as marijuana regulations/licenses. Mr. Peters asked the Agent to look other rural areas that have marijuana regulations that could be a model for the Board to work off of.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES**

March 6, 2018

**Mr. Peters moved to approve as submitted.**

**Mr. Silva seconded.**

**Vote: 3-0-0 motion carries.**

**Mr. Peters motioned to adjourn.**

**Mr. Silva seconded.**

**Vote: 3-0, motion carries.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Arozana Davis**

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**Chair-Tracey Rose**

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**Vice Chair-Jason Silva**

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**Mark Peters, Member**

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**Clerk-Peter Van Stratum**

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**Tim Rose, Member**