



## TOWN OF TRURO BOARD OF HEALTH

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### **Board of Health Meeting Minutes: March 4, 2025**

This was a hybrid meeting held in person at Truro Town Hall in the Select Board chambers and via Zoom. **Board members present:** Chair Tracey Rose, Vice Chair Brian Koll, Board Member Helen Grimm; **Also Present Virtually:** Board Member Jason Silva; **Absent:** Board Member Tim Rose, Alternate Member John Dundas; **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:** Karen Ruymann reported that Cape Cod Ponds Network recently held their quarterly meeting where she reported that the Friends of Village Pond group works closely with the Town to improve water quality for Village Pond. Also, the Cape Cod Commission has released a 76-page report entitled "Freshwater Strategies" and she encouraged people to read it.

**Discussion:** **Definitive subdivision application, 38 South Highland Road (map 40, parcel 1)**  
The applicant has requested a continuance to the March 18, 2025 meeting.

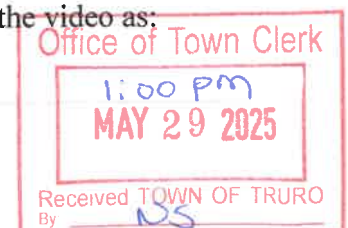
### **Variance Request: 14 Great Hills Rd & 3 Great Hills Lane, Dalsheimer Family Trust**

The applicant has requested a continuance to the March 18, 2025 meeting.

**Motion:** Board Member Helen Grimm moved to continue both the Definitive Subdivision application discussion for 38 South Highland Road and the Variance request for 14 Great Hills Rd/3 Great Hills Lane to the March 18, 2025 meeting; **Second:** Vice Chair Brian Koll; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

**Panel Discussion regarding wastewater planning – video of Wellfleet Select Board work session from February 11, 2025** The Chair had requested that the Board view a portion of a recent Wellfleet Select Board work session featuring a panel discussion about how other towns have approached the wastewater management process. The Agent summarized the video as three panelists in conversation with the Wellfleet Select Board discussing how other towns have approached the wastewater management process and some potential funding sources. The three panelists included: Jared Meader, Town of Mashpee; Kevin Galligan, Town of Orleans Select Board Vice Chair; and Andrew Gottlieb, APCC. One important concept discussed was the idea of a Remote Management Entity (RME) that would provide management of I/A systems to verify that they were functioning properly and meeting their numbers. RMEs remain a conceptual idea, and a good working model but does not yet exist.

After viewing the video segment, the Agent summarized key takeaways from the video as:



1. Pick a lane and get started. All towns are unique, and an adaptive management strategy will be important.
2. Water Quality Monitoring will be important in guiding our efforts as Truro does not yet have a TMDL for nitrogen.
  - a. Funding exists this fiscal year to do more monitoring for the Pamet to get a current baseline and will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan for ongoing work.
3. Andrew Gottlieb is an advocate for small towns.
4. It is difficult to compare septic and I/A. GHD is working to help Truro do that and the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan will provide structure.
5. The Barnstable County loan program, the Aquifund, is available to homeowners.

The entire video of the work session can be viewed here: <https://reflect-townofwellfleet.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/6670?site=1>

**Minutes:** December 17, 2024 and January 7, 2025 minutes; **Motion:** Vice Chair Brian Koll moved to approve the minutes from both meetings as presented; **Second:** Board Member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 4-0, the motion carried.

#### **Report of the Chair:**

Chair Tracey Rose noted that the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) has recently published their 2023 Impact Report. She also stated that a joint meeting between the Truro and Provincetown Select Boards and the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The meeting link can be found here:

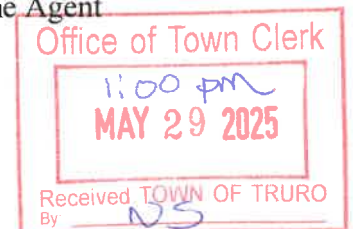
<https://play.champds.com/provincetownma/event/150> (starting at ~38:36 on the recording)

#### **Health Agent's Report:**

The Agent reported that at the joint meeting the Provincetown Water Superintendent Cody Salisbury gave a presentation on the initial work to identify a new well location. The data were not conclusive so more modeling will be needed. The current Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) is valid until 2034, but work is beginning to refine the document. The Agent noted that the meeting was successful in highlighting major issues and increasing familiarity among the towns' various boards. The date for the next joint meeting has not yet been set but will likely be in the fall. Chair Tracey Rose referred the Board to the Provincetown Water System's Quarter 4 Water Production Report to provide more information about the Provincetown water system and its operations. Vice Chair Brian Koll asked about the leaks mentioned in the report. Chair Tracey Rose said that such leaks are not unusual and can often be attributed to the age of the pipes. The Agent noted that having leak protection program is required. The porous soil makes leak detection more difficult because water does not pool on the surface of the ground. The Agent wondered if there could be a better system for leak detection and inspection, similar to the septic system inspection program.

The Agent presented a draft letter to Governor Healy opposing the potential closure of the Pocasset Mental Health Center. The Board discussed the language and suggested changes for the Agent to make before sending the letter.

A draft Home Rule Petition on pesticide reduction will be on the warrant for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting and noted that there will need to be a public hearing. The Agent



emphasized the importance of including an exception for the larvicide used by the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project in the bylaw.

Board Member Jason Silva asked about the status of the Truro Motor Inn. Chair Tracey Rose noted that the deed was conveyed to the Town in October of 2024. The Agent noted that the DPW has been working to make the property safe but didn't have any other details.

**Motion:** Board member Jason Silva moved to adjourn the meeting; **Second:** Vice Chair Brian Koll; **Vote:** 4-0-0, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Nora Bates*

