



TOWN OF TRURO BOARD OF HEALTH

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Board of Health Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

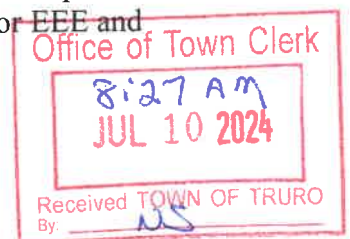
Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Discussion with DPW Director Jarrod Cabral regarding Transfer station hours:

Chair Tracey Rose began by reminding the audience of the Solid Waste By-Law established at the 1994 Annual Town Meeting. Section 2 of this by-law places all aspects of solid waste collection and disposal under the control of the Board of Health and operational/management under the DPW. DPW Director Jarrod Cabral explained the staffing issues at the DPW. The department is short staffed by 4 with 3 open positions. He described the uptick in workload that occurs in the summer months and that overtime is not mandatory other than in emergency events. Tonnage has decreased. He provided details of the operating schedules of other Outer Cape and mid Cape towns and noted that Truro is the second smallest operation but stays open the longest of the seasonal communities. The Director reported to the Board that they will maintain the 5 day/week schedule unless two of the empty positions can be filled. Jason Silva noted that many properties on Shore Rd that used to be rented weekly are now condos that are mostly empty for most of the summer. He also asked about the pay rate for the DPW positions. Jarrod Cabral explained the rates vary for the positions from ~\$28-33/hr. which is slightly less than nearby towns.

Citizen Lynne Burns was in the audience and asked about swap shop access. Both Jarrod Cabral and Tracey Rose clarified that she would need an annual permit for the Swap.

Cape Cod Mosquito Control Program (CCMCP) –Discussion with Superintendent and Senior Entomologist Gabrielle Sakolsky. The Superintendent described how the bayside overwash at Duck Harbor in Wellfleet impacted the drainage system in the Herring River Basin. More water is retained in the system, as it cannot get out quickly; this leads to abundant mosquito habitat. CCMCP crews are out daily working to find solutions to the issue. The problem is the day-biting saltwater mosquitoes that can fly up to 5 miles. Mass DPH is predicting an increased risk of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) this year. CCMCP has established monitoring traps across the Outer Cape. Mosquitoes from these traps are identified by species and tested weekly for EEE and West Nile Virus. Test results are released immediately.



The Superintendent described most important thing property owners can do at this time of year, and through the summer, is to empty any standing rain water from containers and other areas, to remove their breeding habitat and kill the larvae, **rather than spraying** to try to kill adult mosquitoes. Homeowners can also call the CCMCP- Cape Cod Mosquito Control Program (508-775-1510) and they will respond to do an assessment. If you hire a private applicator, check to make sure that they are licensed with the state, check to make sure they do not have previous violations, and ask to see the label of the insecticide they are using so that you know what is being sprayed on your property. The Agent noted that Cape Cod Mosquito Control was founded in 1930 and had been working to keep water bodies flowing and reduce mosquito habitat. She emphasized the difference between managing with a larvicide and using adulticide by spraying. As stated, spraying indiscriminately for adult mosquitoes is not selective, and is not good for the environment. Gabi Sakolsky noted that various repellents are effective and that consumers should look for an EPA registration # on any product that they purchase. A question was asked about commercial availability of larvicides. "Mosquito Dunks" are available at hardware stores for use in standing water. Board member Brian Koll asked if any mosquitoes in the area are the type that carry dengue. The Superintendent responded that we are thankful not to have that species of mosquito here yet.

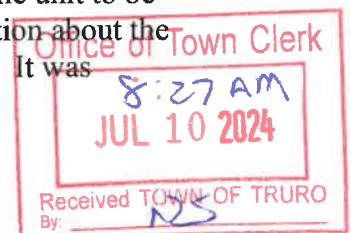
Motion: Board member Helen Grimm moved to take the agenda out of order and hear #4 next; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

New Farmers Market Permit: Chatham Harvesters Co-OP, Shareen Davis
Shareen Davis represented Chatham Harvesters, a fisherman owned co-op, HACCP certified processor, and commercial kitchen. They sell filets, whole fish, and value added products. They been selling at both the Chatham and Plymouth Farmer's Markets for two years and have 5 total approved markets this year. They sell fresh-frozen vacuum sealed product. Everything is self-contained other than quahogs. They maintain the tags and separate the quahogs from the other food. Everything is time and temperature controlled and their van is refrigerated. The Agent stated that the application was complete. Chair Tracey Rose asked about the HACCP temperature logs and their inspection. The Agent stated that those logs would be checked at their base of operations in Chatham but we will randomly check temperatures at the farmer's market.

Motion: Board member Helen Grimm moved to approve the new farmer's market permit; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

New Owner/Manager: 1 Amanda Lane, Faith Licostie

Faith and Nadine Licostie, owners of the SeaGlass Inn & Spa in Provincetown, purchased this property in October primarily for employee housing. The property came with tenants who will remain in 5 of the units. Three full time employees will be housed in the apartment portion of the property and the back house will be used for their J1 students. After the inspection, they added screens and window locks and have ordered replacement windows that are on backorder. The Agent asked how the number of units got to be 9 from the 7 units that were previously permitted. Faith Licostie answered that she believed that the former owner did not include the house as a unit, and considered one unit to be an office and so wasn't included in the total. The Agent also raised a question about the managers, as RKM was listed as the onsite manager, but was not hired yet. It was



suggested that this matter be continued to allow the Agent to research the file and discuss the issues with the owner. **Motion:** Board member Jason Silva moved to continue the matter until the June 4, 2024 meeting; **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried. Jason Silva thanked Faith Licostie for keeping the existing tenants.

Water Resources report

Progress is continuing with the cesspool upgrade process. The Agent noted that June 1st had been the deadline for the ACO process, but she asked the Board to extend that date until September 1, 2024. **Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to extend the ACO date to September 1, 2024; **Second:** Board member Jason Silva; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

Wastewater management feasibility work continues with Provincetown and GHD. Work is being done to determine what the costs would be for Truro. The team is getting closer to an Intermunicipal Agreement.

The 2023 Provincetown Water Quality Report, the March 2024 North Union Field Model Update Report, and the Provincetown Water Management Study Update from 2017 will both be posted on the Health Department website. A staff team of the Town Planners, DPW Directors, Truro Health Agent, and the Water Superintendent are involved in the water resource planning discussions. We are looking to plan a joint meeting in the fall with both Town Select Boards and the Water & Sewer Board.

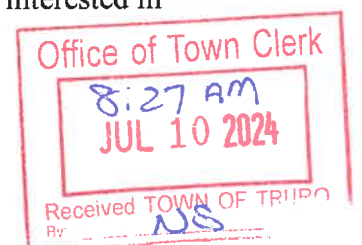
After the positive PFAS test in monitoring wells near the transfer station, testing was done at two private homes on Collins Road and both are negative. A third residence on South Pamet Road that is cross-gradient to the transfer station was recently tested and results are still pending.

Truro resident Jack Riemer asked if treated wastewater from Beach Point will be returned to Truro to replenish the aquifer. The Agent replied that the topic has been discussed but that no site has been identified and it's a topic that will continue to be discussed. He asked if "toilet to tap" or "flush to faucet" which is being explored in CA would be considered in Provincetown. The Agent replied that a more likely approach to second use would be diverting bathroom sink graywater to fill a toilet tank, or possibly desalination but all options are on the table.

Minutes – There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

Report of the Chair -

The chair reported that at a recent meeting the Provincetown Water & Sewer Board discussed the importance of having meetings recorded and packets available on-line. Also, at the meeting, the Water & Sewer Board reviewed the 2023 Model Update Report North Union Field Well Site. Truro resident Jack Reimer asked how people could access this report. The Agent replied that it would be posted on the website. The Chair also noted that some Board of Health member terms would be expiring in June and reminded members that if they were interested in reapplying that they should do so. The Association to Preserve Cape Cod has a letter posted on their website in opposition to the Multipurpose Machine Gun Range at Joint Base Cape Cod. Anyone interested in writing a similar letter should visit the APCC website at apcc.org.



Health Agent's Report -

The Agent reported that she recently gave a made some brief remarks about PFAS at the Friends of Village Pond “Love Your Mother” event in conjunction with Dr. Fred Ruymann, who shared information on PFAS at this well-attended event.

Truro resident Jack Reimer asked about the work on developing a storm water by-law, and if it could be an occasional agenda item. Chair Tracey Rose answered that it was work in progress and updates would be made at Board of Health meetings.

Motion: Board member Jason Silva moved to adjourn the meeting; **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Warren

