



TOWN OF TRURO BOARD OF HEALTH

P.O. Box 2030
Truro MA 02666-0630

Board of Health Meeting Minutes: May 7, 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: Vice Chair Jason Silva, Board Members Brian Koll, Helen Grimm, Tim Rose, and Alternate Candida Monteith **Absent:** Chair Tracey Rose; **Also Present in person:** Health Agent Emily Beebe

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

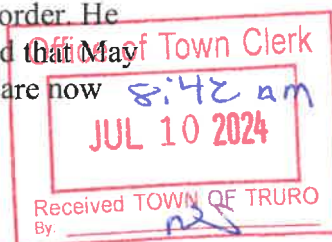
Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Discussion regarding Transfer station hours: DPW Director Jarrod Cabral was represented by the Health Agent to update the Board and the public about the hours of operation. Instead of increasing to 7 days per week for the summer, the facility will retain the winter hours through the summer. The transfer station will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday until staffing level increases.

Board member Tim Rose asked if DPW staff could be reassigned and expressed concern for contractors, stating the reduced schedule was unacceptable. The Agent stated she would relay the questions to the DPW director.

Local upgrade request, and Local Variance Request: Proposed Cesspool upgrade at 54 Ryder Beach Road, Harriet Hobbs. Engineer John O'Reilly represented the request for variances on the 9.5 acre property. Currently, the five-bedroom home on the property is served by cesspools and it will be upgraded to an enhanced treatment system. A Nitroe® system is proposed and nitrogen calculations were provided to demonstrate the nitrogen reduction. The home is surrounded by wetland resources so the design balances separation to those wetland areas and will support a gravity fed system. Since the lot is large, the system has been designed for a potential 6th bedroom. A Title 5 local upgrade approval is requested for extra cover over the leach area and a local variance for setback to wetlands is also requested. The system will be H-20 rated and vented per code to mitigate the depth of cover. Vice chair Jason Silva asked about upgrades with the National Seashore area. The Agent replied the Park was notified and would have reached out with any concerns. She noted that this is a great design and that the nitrogen loading calculations show the benefit of this type of system. **Motion:** Board member Tim Rose moved to approve the variances as requested; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

New Owner/Manager: Millan's Restaurant, Dawn Dennison/Juan Millan
Vice chair Jason Silva confirmed with the Agent that all paperwork was in order. He asked the new owners when they were planning to open. Juan Millan replied that May 15th had been the target, but the building is still under construction, so they are now



planning to be open by Memorial Day weekend. Jason Silva also asked about which days they would be open. Juan Millan replied that the days open will fluctuate in the early season but that they hope to be open seven days a week through the summer. All of the Board members welcomed the new owners and wished them the best. **Motion: Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the new owner/manager; Second: Board member Tim Rose; Vote: 5-0-0; the motion carried.**

Title 5 Variance request for Administrative Consent Order: 12 Secor Lane, Peter O. Swanson. Peter Swanson described the variance request. The cottage has not been used since about 2015 and the well pump has been disabled so the cottage is not habitable. Several parties have expressed interest in purchasing the property but since the cottage may need to be moved, it makes more sense to delay the septic design until a final structure location is determined. Vice chair Jason Silva stated that the ACO is a way to avoid spending money twice while still achieving the goal of upgrading the cesspool on the property. The Agent described the terms spelled out in the ACO which include a contract with a septic design company by the end of this year and a final design plan by the end of 2025 with the condition of no occupancy of the dwelling. Brian Koll clarified the language and pointed out a typo. Candida Monteith asked if it would make more sense to use the transfer of the property as a trigger rather than dates. The Agent responded that having some of the design work done prior to transfer will make the property more marketable. **Motion: Board member Tim Rose moved to approve the variance and to enter an ACO with the property owner; Second: Board member Helen Grimm; Vote: 5-0-0; the motion carried.**

Minutes: April 2, 2024 **Motion: Board member Helen Grimm moved to approve the April 2, 2024 meeting minutes; Second: Board member Brian Koll; Vote: 5-0-0; the motion carried.**

Report of the Chair- Vice Chair Jason Silva did not have anything to report at this time.

Health Agent's Report- A staff level meeting is scheduled for this week with Provincetown to plan a joint meeting with both Select Boards and the Water & Sewer Board.

Board member Brian Koll asked for an update on avian influenza.

Board member Tim Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Board member Helen Grimm; Vote: 5-0-0, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Warren

