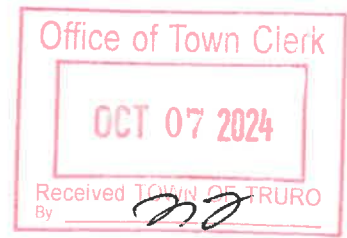




**TOWN OF TRURO  
BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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**Board of Health Meeting Minutes: August 6, 2024**

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 Member Helen Grimm, Brian Koll, and Tim Rose; Remote: Alternate Board member John Dundas; 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.

**Renewal of expired, previously approved variances to Title 5 and TBoH regulations:**

7 Hughes Road, Linnet Hultin; Cassie Hultin was on the call to represent her mother, the homeowner. They had a plan done by FELCO Engineering for an upgrade to a failed septic system, but issues came up and the upgrade was not done before the variances expired. They are now working to obtain funding for the upgrade through the Aquifund and the last step in that process is the renewal of the variances. The Agent noted that it is a small lot adjacent to a freshwater wetland and although the variances have expired nothing on the lot has changed. The plan was tweaked slightly after approval to remove a retaining wall, and those plans are suitable for construction. There is some question about the bedroom count and there seems to be no record of approval for the bedroom in the barn. Chair Tracey Rose asked if there is a bedroom in the barn. Cassie Hultin replied yes and that the barn was built in the late '80s. The Agent referred to that room as a "bunkroom" and noted that it is not a separate apartment. She also stated that leach pit failed in 2021, and a simple repair was allowed at that time with the understanding that an upgrade was needed. Chair Tracey Rose asked how many bedrooms were in the main house. Cassie Hultin replied three plus an office. Board member Brian Koll asked if the home was currently occupied. It is not. The board and the Agent agreed that a walk through for bedroom count should be done. **Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to continue this agenda item until the August 20, 2024 meeting; **Second:** Board member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

**Title 5 and TBOH regulations variance requests:** 32 Shore Road, Christian Union Church Bob Reedy from J.M. O'Reilly & Associates represented the request. This is a cesspool upgrade to a Title 5 system utilizing an Orenco Advantex system with a raised leaching area. Due to proximity to groundwater, the highest point on the lot was chosen. Several variances are requested due to the small lot and the nearby wetlands. The plumbing will be redone so that it exits the front of the building. The dwelling is on town water, but a water line will be relocated to maintain separation. There is currently just one person living in this six-bedroom house and the engineer confirmed the bedroom count

via a walk through. The Agent noted that the existing cesspool is probably mostly underwater and explained that I/A is required both because of the bedroom count and for reduction in the leach area. Bob Reedy stated that he has worked closely with Orenco to design this system to function properly in high groundwater. The tank and pump chamber need to be below grade and hydraulic cement and poly-loc boots will be utilized. Buoyancy calculations are shown on the plan and the tank will have an extended base to prevent it being lifted by groundwater. An abutter from 30 Shore Rd spoke in support of the project. **Motion:** Board member Tim Rose moved to approve the variances as requested; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried. Chair Tracey Rose asked if this plan had been approved by the Conservation Commission. Bob Reedy answered that they had filed, and it would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Title 5 and TBOH regulations variance requests:** 2 Adams Way, Adam Luster & Edwidge Yingling, (*continued from 7/16/2024*) The applicants have requested a continuance until the August 20, 2024 meeting. **Motion:** Board member Helen Grimm moved to continue this agenda item until the August 20, 2024 meeting; **Second:** Board member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

**Change of Manager:** Pilgrim Beach Village, 174 Shore Road – Roberta Schnabel/Todd Souza; Roberta Schnabel is a past manager who is stepping in to fill a vacancy. Todd Souza will be a new assistant manager but will become the on-site manager in October. A team inspection of the facility will happen in the fall. **Motion:** Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the change of manager with the condition that a team inspection be completed by year end; **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

**Minutes:** June 18, 2024; **Motion:** Board member Helen Grimm moved to approve the June 4, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.; **Second:** Board member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 4-0-1 with Brian Koll abstaining; the motion carried.

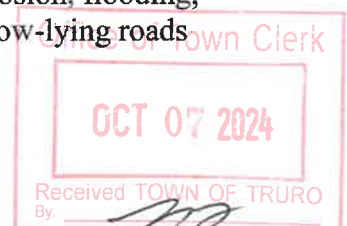
### **Report of the Chair**

The Chair noted that recently Holtec's permit to release nuclear wastewater into Cape Cod Bay has been denied by the state. The Provincetown Water & Sewer Board is not meeting in August but will meet in September. So far this summer, there have been no significant issues with any of Truro's bathing beaches.

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

The Agent and DPW Director Jarrod Cabral did a Facebook Live presentation on July 18<sup>th</sup> on the Longnook Beach closure. The following week coastal geologist Mark Borelli gave a very informative presentation at the library. He used drone footage to show the significant changes at the top of the coastal bank. He will continue to map this area and provide data to the Woods Hole Group who develop a plan for access. Longnook Beach will remain closed for the season.

The Agent attended a recent planning board meeting to discuss coastal erosion, flooding, climate change and how these topics impact planning especially around low-lying roads and emergency response.



Last week she participated in a tour of the Provincetown Water Treatment facility with two select board members.

Soil borings inside and around the DPW buildings have found nothing reportable other than PFAS in one location behind the office building. Additional screenings and removal of this material are underway. Water quality analysis is being done and groundwater monitoring will be done to determine the direction of groundwater flow. A test for VOCs in an abutter's water was also conducted.

The Agent has also attended recent Ad Hoc Building Committee meetings and recommended that the Board visit that committee's webpage to view various documents as well as a conceptual campus plan. The next step is to review applications for the Owner's Project Manager (OPM), an engineer who serves as a technical advisor for the town. Chair Tracey Rose asked if that committee could consider safety improvements to the neighborhoods near Town Hall that the big trucks traverse to get to Town Hall.

The Chair also asked if the presentation about Longnook Beach is available on-line. It can be found on the Channel 8 button under "Other Meetings." Additionally, a link to the video from the March presentation on the Provincetown Water System given by Cody Salisbury and Emily Beebe can be found on the Health Department webpage under Water Resources Management and then #5 under "Other Reports" at the bottom of the page. The Board of Health meeting scheduled for November 5, 2024 conflicts with Election Day and will likely be cancelled.

**Motion:** 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 5:43 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Courtney Warren* CW

