



TOWN OF TRURO BOARD OF HEALTH

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Board of Health Meeting Minutes: January 21, 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 Jason Silva, Board Members Brian Koll and Helen Grimm; **Also Present Virtually:** Alternate member John Dundas; **Absent:** Board member Tim Rose; **Also Present:** Health Agent Emily Beebe, Assistant Health Agent Courtney Warren, Select Board Member Susan Girard-Irwin (present virtually).

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by the Chair, who described the remote meeting procedures and the process for public participation.

Public Comment:

Laura Kelly from POCCA requested to present to the Board of Health about Home Rule petitions for pesticide and fertilizer reduction. Resident Karen Ruymann and Lili Flanders, Chair of the Climate Action Committee, made comments to express their support for the effort.

Change of Manager: Anchorage on the Bay, 596 Shore Road, proposed new manager Henry Stoll is a member of the Trustees for Anchorage on the Bay. He would be the on-site manager. Chair Tracey Rose asked if he had previous experience as a manager and he replied that he had been a manager for Anchorage. The Agent stated that the application was complete. **Motion:** Board member Helen Grimm moved to approve the change of manager; **Second:** Board member Brian Koll; **Vote:** 5-0; the motion carried.

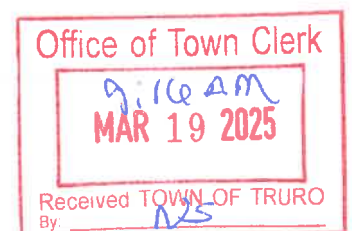
New Business Application: Kung Fu Dumplings, 8 Highland Rd, Unit E Chuang Tong and Feng Lin were present in person for the new business application for Kung Fu Dumplings. They have operated their Provincetown location for 11 years. The property is under agreement; the tentative closing date is 2-14-2025. The Agent asked to schedule a walk-through with the owners after the closing and a pre-operational inspection. Board member Brian Koll asked about a few missing items from the application and those will be forthcoming. All of the Board members expressed support and wished the new owners the best of luck. **Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the new business application; **Second:** Vice Chair Jason Silva; **Vote:** 4-0-1. Chair Tracey Rose abstained. The motion carried.

Reorganization of the Board:

Motion: Chair Tracey Rose nominated Dr. Brian Koll as Vice Chair; **Second:** Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0. **Motion:** Chair Tracey Rose nominated Jason Silva as Clerk; **Second:** Board member Helen Grimm; **Vote:** 5-0-0. **Motion:** Board member Jason Silva nominated Tracey Rose to continue as Chair; **Second:** Board member John Dundas; **Vote:** 5-0-0.

Water Resources Report:

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The Agent stated that the first round of PFAS testing adjacent to the DPW office was completed and expects results within the month. The Agent noted that 73% of the cesspool upgrade process is complete. She said that the feasibility study for Beach Point is nearing completion, and it analyses sewerage and enhanced I/A treatment options. The costs for these options are similar. The infrastructure and design costs would have the benefit of cost-sharing with Provincetown. The project should be considered as part of a broader conversation about infrastructure and, climate change resilience. The Agent expected the release of the draft of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan to include a presentation to the TBOH by the engineers completing the plan-GHD. It is hoped that funds from the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund may be available. Board Member John Dundas agreed with The Agent's suggestions and emphasized the importance of a joint application for grants. The Agent stated that it is likely that the town will need a nitrogen target for the Pamet River watershed and anticipates the CWMP may discuss a process for a TMDL in lieu of EPA's 25% removal target. Jack Reimer asked when the CWMP draft would be released. The Agent said that a draft will be presented as soon as it is available.

The Agent also reminded the BOH and public of the upcoming joint meeting of the Provincetown Water & Sewer Board with both the Truro and Provincetown Select boards at Provincetown town hall at 6:00pm on February 24, 2025.

Karen Ruymann expressed her excitement about the cooperative work on improving wastewater treatment in North Truro and the potential for healing natural resources but also highlighted the concern about the cost of such projects and the vulnerability of the area.

Minutes: November 19, 2024; **Motion:** Board member Helen Grimm moved to accept the minutes as presented; **Second:** Board Member Jason Silva; **Vote:** 5-0; the motion carried.

Report of the Chair:

Tracey Rose reported on the last Water & Sewer Board meeting and noted that she took a moment for public education on the importance of water conservation during the water abatement hearings.

Health Agent's Report:

The Agent reminded the public of the upcoming Tdap vaccination clinic in Eastham on February 5, 2025. Vice Chair Dr. Brian Koll commented that if you are unsure when you had your last booster, it won't be harmful to get it again. Select Board member Susan Girard-Irwin stressed the importance of grandparents being vaccinated to help protect their grandchildren.

Alternate Member John Dundas asked if Laura Kelley's draft petitions were available for review. The Agent can forward information and noted that the information was in the December 17, 2024 Select Board meeting packet. Information will also be included in the packet for the next BOH meeting. The Agent noted the hiring of Climate Action Coordinator, Chris Palmer.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Nora Bates

