



**Town of Provincetown
Meeting of the
BOARD OF HEALTH**

Monday, January 22, 2018

**Judge Welsh Hearing Room, Provincetown Town Hall,
260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA**

Board Members Present: Dr. Janet Whelan, Acting Chair; Dr. Elise Cozzi; Kalliope Chute and Betty Williams, Alternate

Board Members Absent: Excused: Mark Phillips, Chair; Steve Katsurinis, Vice Chair; and Fred Latasa-Nicks, Alternate

Other attendees: Morgan Clark, Director Health Department; and Laura Marin, Health Agent

Call to Order: Dr. Janet Whelan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

I. Public Comments

No Public Comments

II. New Business

a. 28 Cottage Street – Request for Variances to 310 CMR 15 – Jason Ellis, presenting

Discussion:

Mr. Ellis explained that the property is being sold, the building holds four apartments consisting of eight bedrooms currently served by two cesspools. He stated that a septic system has been designed to best comply with Title V and health regulations. He then listed the requested variances; a 14 foot variance from proposed leach area to the foundation, 4 foot variance from the proposed leach area to the lot line of parcel 37, a 4 foot variance from proposed leach area to the lot line of parcel 42, a 25% reduction to the size of the leach area and for a no reserve area variance. Ms. Clark stated that the plan had been approved with a note that Mr. Ellis explained did not apply due to DEP allowances. He further explained how the tanks in his plan would work.

Motion: *Move to approve the variances request as presented*

Motion: Dr. Cozzi

Seconded: Ms. Chute

Vote 4-0

**b. 15 Hobson Street – Request for a Public Health Connection to the Municipal Sewer-
Lisa Pacheco Robb, presenting**

Discussion:

Ms. Clark noted that the Health Department Review on a building permit and no recent septic inspection report was found, one was ordered and the inspector could not complete the report because

what is in the ground does not match our records. Additionally, the inspector found a failure of the pipe chamber, and other problems. Consequently, the property meets the new criteria of a public health failure and Ms. Clark supports the request for sewer connection. Dr. Whelan noted that a stub for sewer connection is right there and Ms. Clark confirmed. Discussion also covered past pumping, timing of the connection, and that no one is currently living in the building.

Motion: *Move that 15 Hobson Ave presents public health priority and shall hereby be ordered to connect to the municipal sewer upon consultation with the Department of Public Works regarding the process of connecting.*

Motion: Dr. Cozzi

Seconded: Ms. Chute

Vote 4-0

Ms. Clark stated that she would refer the matter to the Water and Sewer Board.

c. Discussion: Drinking Water Quality – Kalliope Chute, presenting

Discussion:

Ms. Chute presented information on protecting ground water on the Cape and a database of water protection and water tests by locality. She described the website's background, the types of information it includes, and the variety of contaminants found in local water. She noted that we pay 2000% more for bottled water. Ms. Clark relayed that Cody Salisbury gave her information to present on chromium 6 testing standards and that the EPA is working on a standard. Mr. Salisbury is willing to come before the Board but was at another meeting that afternoon. Ms. Clark also noted concerns about the lack of paper trail for bottled water. Ms. Chute confirmed that they don't have to test the same way that municipal waters do.

d. 8 West Vine – Rescind Approval for Variances to 310 CMR 15 – Morgan Clark, presenting

Discussion:

Ms. Clark described the events leading up to the request being denied by Water and Sewer Board to connect to sewer for the public health and that now the Water and Sewer Board has sent the request back to the Board of Health. She further explained that the Board of Health had taken two votes and if they now rescinded the vote on variances, the request to connect to the sewer would go back to the Water and Sewer Board. Ms. Clark further explained concerns associated with the state of limited capacity. Concerns about cesspools near areas of flooding was also discussed.

Motion: *Move to rescind variances*

Motion: Dr. Whelan

Seconded: Ms. Chute

Vote 4-0

e. Administrative Consent Orders:

i. 18 Miller Hill Road: Renewal

Discussion:

Ms. Clark stated that the owners want to stay on the ACO and that their Title V passed inspection

ii. 28 Conant Street: Request

Discussion:

Ms. Clark recommends the property for an ACO.

Motion: *Move to consent agenda ACO request for 18 Miller Hill Rd and 28 Conant St.*

Motion: Dr. Cozzi

Seconded: Ms. Chute

Vote 4-0

III. Any other business that shall properly come before the Board

There was no other business.

IV. Approval of Minutes

No minutes were submitted for approval.

V. Health Department Report

Sea Level rise and Title V: Ms. Clark shared information about how sea level rise affects groundwater rise and the health concerns that can result, as well as information how rising temperatures can also affect groundwater. She also included information in the packet from the EPA about what to do after a flood if you have a septic system.

Annual report: Is due Friday or Thursday. Ms. Clark requested any changes to be relayed to her.

Winter Wednesdays begins the first Wednesday in February and March.

Regionalization: Ms. Clark reported that she met with Wellfleet and Truro and they are all working to standardize regulations at least in format. Wellfleet's are the cleanest and Ms. Clark proposed using their taxonomy.

Regulatory updates: Ms. Clark is working on tobacco and researching second hand marijuana smoke and reported she has been asked to update solid waste regulations. She discussed definition of seats. She reported that Provincetown is the only town where an additional charge is levied by a licensed Title V inspector.

Motion: *Move that we eliminate the Town of Provincetown fee for Title V inspector's license in the town.*

Motion: Dr. Cozzi

Seconded: Ms. Williams

Vote 4-0

Emergency Planning: over 1000 people signed up for alert system.

VI. Board Members' Statements

Dr. Whelan: I'm grateful for Ms. Chute presentation on drinking water.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dr. Whelan moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fiorella

Approved by _____ on _____, 2018