

Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
Board of Selectmen Meeting

Members Present: Chair Paul Wisotzky; Maureen Burgess, Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein, Janet Worthington

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

TABLED ITEM

The Beach Commission discussion on a Residential Only Parking Lot at Coast Guard Beach has been tabled until September 26, 2017.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Building Project

Erin Orcutt, Business Manager for Cape Cod Regional Technical (CCT) High, made a presentation on their building project. She thanked Trudi Brazil and the Truro School Committee, explained the importance of tech skills, gave enrollment figures, outlined the history of the project so far, gave the expected next steps in 2017, explained the alternatives considered, and pinpointed the location of the new construction. Ms. Orcutt also provided regional enrollments, valuations, financial impact for Truro, debt schedules for 30 years, and the vote mechanics according to Chapter 71 Section 16 (n). She affirmed that a majority vote of the towns is needed to approve the project. She requested endorsement from Truro.

Jay Coburn moved to endorse the project and urged the voters to approve. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Update on Pesticide Control Options

Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark gave an update on options for pesticide control. KP Law said the Town had limited ability to do so because the Mass Pesticide Board has the exclusive authority to regulate pesticides in Massachusetts. Town staff has worked with Wellfleet and Provincetown to mitigate mosquito control companies. They considered sending letters to the Pesticide Board, banning foggers, and contacting Representative Sarah Peake to work on amendments. Conservation agents from the three towns worked on a regional complaint form. The Mass Pesticide Board insists on evidence with dates, time and weather. The three towns discussed issuing a joint press release, the common form, the jurisdictional issues, holding regional informational session, launching a Frequently Asked Questions on each town's website, and continuing to compile complaints. Rae Ann Palmer said that the health agents intend to bring the possibilities before the health boards of the three towns.

Janet Worthington moved to direct the Assistant Town Manager to draft a letter for review, on behalf of the Selectmen, to the Board of the Wellfleet Board of Selectmen regarding the licensing of mosquito spraying companies in their community; and/or direct the Town Manager to draft a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Massachusetts Pesticide Board encouraging the Pesticide Board to petition for legislation that would limit the use of "foggers" as an application method to limit "chemical drift"; and/or authorize a Selectperson to contact Representative Peake and/or Senator Cyr

on behalf of the Board to ask for their support in amending the current Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act (MGL 1328) to provide more regulatory control to local communities.

Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Skip Childs came forward and thanked the Board. He had an update on the pesticide applications that have been done on his abutter's property. He said an agent from the Department of Agriculture has taken samples for lab study from his property.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: *None*

B. Review and Approve Reappointments of Hannah Shrand; Truro Council on Aging

C. Review and Approve Sunday Entertainment Sustainable Cape Truro AgFair September 3, 2017

D. Review and Approve One Day Alcohol License-Pamet Harbor Yacht Club August 19, 2017

E. Review and Approve Sunday Entertainment Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod September 24, 2017

F. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes: July 25, 2017

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Paul Wisotzky abstained from Item D.

SELECTMEN REPORTS AND TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Selectmen made their reports. Jan Worthington said she had met with Representative Sarah Peake and the Harbor Committee about ramp fees. Representative Peake followed up with information on user fees for moorings and ramps from the Chatham Harbor Master. Maureen Burgess said four part-time residents had approached her with their concerns about a residential tax exemption. She also said that the Planning Board will begin discussion of a town-wide house size bylaw. Finally she said she had shared an e-mail about conditions at Snow's Field. Paul Wisotzky gave a reminder about the Part-time Residents' meeting the next day. He announced that the Truro Housing Authority and Highland Affordable Housing are to receive the Community Partnership Housing Award from Habitat for Humanity on September 14, 2017. Jay Coburn said he had been receiving e-mails about the proposed residential tax exemption. He asked about applications, and Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said that from the 800 eligible properties about 200 applications had been submitted. Robert Weinstein concurred about Representative Peake's help for the Pamet Harbor Committee. He called attention to a pipe in the channel that needs to be marked until it is removed by the dredging company. He also thanked staff, the Shellfish Advisory Committee and Shellfish Warden for their work in increasing shellfishing in Truro this year.

Bruce Boleyn came forward to recognize the excellent job Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark had done while the Town Manager was on vacation. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer agreed and was glad to hear the praise from others. Ms. Palmer reported on plans to remove the pipe hazard from Pamet Harbor. In September there are plans for a joint meeting with Provincetown Selectmen to review a matrix for sharing services. The Cloverleaf property deed is being prepared with attention to traffic, but a right-hand only turn is not being required. The process for planning the Affordable Housing on the site will be getting underway. Her other work has been on closing out the year. She said that the Classification Hearing will take place on August 22nd.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Robert Weinstein commented on the success of the Pan Mass Challenge but said he would like to have the road manager for the event meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss their route through

Truro. Rae Ann Palmer said she is already working with staff to have a discussion with the road manager regarding use of side roads and fees to the Town since police details are needed to direct the riders and traffic.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Rae Ann Palmer reviewed the agenda for the August 22, 2017: the Classification Hearing, an appointment for the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee, a Suicide Prevention Week proclamation, reappointments, a letter on Eversource rate increases and review of ten Selectmen's Policies.

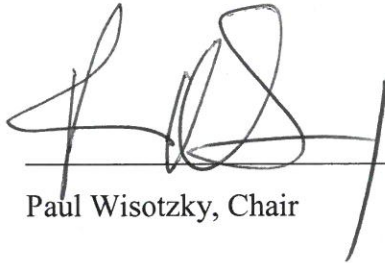
ADJOURNMENT

Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



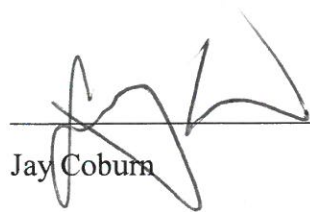
Mary Rogers, Secretary



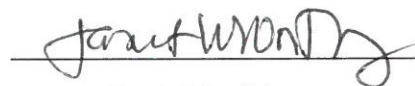
Paul Wisotzky, Chair



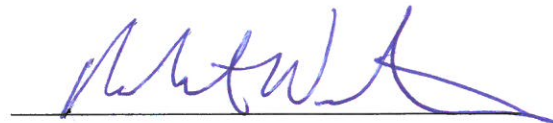
Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair



Jay Coburn



Janet Worthington



Robert Weinstein, Clerk

Public Records Material of 8/8/17

1. Printed PowerPoint slides for CCT
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