

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Paul J. Asher-Best, Lloyd F. Rose, Christopher R. Lucy, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator John J. Sanguinet, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Martha Nagy, Bill Worthington, Muriel Crisara, Bruce Lessard, Kathy Rosenkampff, Susan Kadar, Susan Rohrbach, Betty Groom, Robert Lema, Shirley Smith, Christine Sylvia, Giovanni Cicero, Giuseppe Palma, Axel Schmidt, Carol Nickerson, Richard Lay, and Michael Iacussa of the Banner.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2006 as presented. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Public Comment: Kathy Rosenkampff asked if the North Unionfield Road taking would be on the ATM Warrant. Mr. Gaechter told her that had not been decided yet; in a few weeks they should know.

Susan Rohrbach of Senator O'Leary's office updated the Board on some items he has been working on, such as the home owner's insurance status, the Oceans bill, a bill on higher education that would overhaul its funding, and the Chapter 70 funding formula. She also told the Board that Senator O'Leary put \$850k in the budget for the TCS sidewalks request, but it did not make it into the budget. He can try again. Other things the BOS can try are to go through the Safe Routes to School program, the Transportation Improvement program or go the safety route for funding. Ms. Nolan has drafted a letter to MA Highway requesting the sidewalk; it would be from both the BOS and the TCS Committee.

Alcoholic Beverage License: The Board acted on an application for an annual wine and malt Common Victualer license which they received from Sylvia Palma, LLC d/b/a Truro Sea Grill, Christine Sylvia, manager. The restaurant is located at 8 Highland Road. **Mr. Asher-Best moved to approve the license. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Curb Cut: The Board received an application from Mr. Ambrose for a curb cut at 17 Ryder Beach Road for a new residence. Mr. Gaechter noted that both the DPW Director and Chief Thomas have approved it. Richard Lay of Slade Associates explained what was proposed. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the request for a curb cut. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Town Hall lighting concerns: Mr. Gaechter explained that the side lights were left off this evening so everyone could see the difference. Mr. Worthington reiterated his strong feeling that the steeple light should be turned off at midnight and he likes the side lights off. Ms. Nagy agreed with leaving the side lights off; she feels that the steeple light is adequate for the outside lighting. But she feels it is a long standing tradition to have the cupola light on from dawn to dusk. Mr. Palmer said that he also supports keeping the steeple light on from dawn to dusk. Mr.

Asher-Best questioned if indeed the light complies with the bylaw. Mr. Gaechter said he feels that if it is in compliance to keep it on and adjust it downward if appropriate. He happens to like the side lights on and it seemed a little dark to him without them. He suggested a decrease in output. Mr. Sanguinet will look into how to best adjust the lights. Mr. Gaechter said the matter would be back on the agenda in a few weeks after they receive his report. Until then, the side lights will be left off.

Housing Authority update: Ms. Kadar asked the BOS to get her a copy of the sidewalk letter so that she can speed things up. It will be put in the Housing Authority mailbox. She told the BOS that the Housing Authority had gone out to bid on the Snow's Road house; they are due at noon on January 23rd. Two RFP's were picked up so they are hopeful they will receive bids. If they do, they will form a screening committee to review the bids. They have also put contingency money to make the house habitable in their CPC proposal. If that is approved, they will have money to go forward. Obtaining a professional needs assessment is also being proposed. They plan to take \$3k from a grant for another property if the CCC gives its consent, and use it to proceed with this needs study. Mr. Gaechter asked if they could partner with other Cape towns. She has tried that to no avail; she hasn't given up on the idea yet. The Housing Authority asks that the BOS look at other land possibilities to develop since any development of the well field site is well in the future. She added that if they didn't have to use the contingency money for the Snows Road house they would ask to hold it for a future project.

Annual Report: Mr. Asher-Best reiterated his feeling that some of the customary reports from the professional staff should be done in concert with the Multi-member bodies they work with, and with one voice. Mr. Gaechter thought it was too late for this year's report and the BOS should talk more about this for next year's report.

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Received notice from the Dept. of Telecommunications that our contract with Comcast runs out in 2009. Mr. Gaechter noted that we must give them contact information for at least one member of our CAC.
- Provided a draft letter to MA Highway requesting sidewalks for TCS. There is no process in place to get this sidewalk; a letter is a first step. **Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the Chair to sign the letter for the BOS and ask the school to sign and give a copy of the letter to Ms. Kadar. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Rose: -Expressed his concern with construction on Castle Road at the Caulfield property. He thinks Mr. Caulfield was given a curb cut with restrictions. The BOS was told no building would take place. Mr. Lucy said he recalled that the applicant asked for a second access to his property; there was a question on a silt fence but his understanding us that the Building Inspector has gone out there and it is in compliance; perhaps we could have him take another look. Mr. Gaechter directed Ms. Nolan to speak to Mr. Wingard. Mr. Asher-Best asked to see the minutes to that meeting. He has resolved to not give second curb cuts to a property again; it looks like a road.

Palmer: -The TBC is on track to present the CC plan to the BOS on the 24th.

Gaechter: -Informed the BOS of a request from Barnstable for a donation to "Operation in from the Cold". He feels it is appropriate to assist financially, but asked if money was available. Ms. Nolan reported that the Town Accountant had informed her that the BOS must appropriate money for this into the budget for 2007. They will talk further on this during budget time. Meanwhile, Mr. Gaechter will respond to Barnstable.

Other Business: A request was received from the Town Accountant that the BOS allow deficit spending of the snow and ice removal budget if the situation should arise. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve an overrun in the snow removal budget as the situation arises. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** Mr. Asher-Best noted that the deadline for budget submission had passed and asked about compliance. Ms. Nolan said it was good and the Town Accountant is ready to hand it to the FinCom. Mr. Gaechter said it should come to the BOS at the same time as it is their budget. Ms Nolan will ask tomorrow.

A request from the Town Clerk was acted upon. **Mr. Lucy moved to send a discharge for septic loans paid in full by M.P. Kelly and J.A. Perry, 11 Truro Center Road, G.A. Doss, 17 Aldrich Road, and R.Q. Dias, 13 Pond Road and to authorize the Chair to sign them. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Next week's agenda: Mr. Asher-Best requested that the BOS goals and objectives be placed on the agenda. Ms. DuPree said that the Board should act on a condo application she received. The Board has a lot of items for the 24th, and Mr. Sanguinet was directed to change the date for the Historical Commission and the Historical Review Board to the following week; they will meet with the CPC at that time as well since some members serve on both.

Mr. Sanguinet informed the BOS that the corner stone has come in and will be installed. The sound deadening material is still being sought.

At 7:17 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider a contractual issue and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Asher-Best, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye; Rose, aye. 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Paul Asher-Best, Clerk

Lloyd F. Rose

Christopher R. Lucy

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