

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, March 21, 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, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator John J. Sanguinet, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Martha Nagy, Guy Strauss, Curtis Hartman, Tom Wingard, Claire Perry, Tim Silva, Martha Dilts, Bob Holt, Robert Lowe, Moniz Rose, Cherie Mittenthal, Ted Franklin, Bill Worthington, Pat Pajaron, Bill Golden, Ansel Chaplin, Susan Kadar, Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder and Pru Sowers of the Banner. Lloyd F. Rose and Christopher R. Lucy were absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the joint meeting with Provincetown on January 24, 2006 as amended. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous. The Board could not act on the minutes of March 14th.

Public Comment: None.

ATM zoning articles: The Board reviewed all the zoning articles with the Planning Board. Discussion centered on Article 29, Conversion of Cottage Colonies. The BOS had some suggestions for the Planning Board on the various articles which the Planning Board will take under consideration.

Curb Cut, Prince Valley Road: The Board received an application from Goodheart Properties, LLC for Prince Valley Road. Ms. Dilts of Von Thaden Builders explained that the applicants want to provide a shorter access to their dwelling, and to eliminate the current access off Old County Road via Cemetery Road. There is an existing byway which they plan to improve. Mr. Gaechter questioned how they would close the existing access, and stated that they would need to see that it is a prohibited access. Mr. Wingard explained that a berm with plantings could easily be put in. **Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the application with the contingency that the current access will be physically closed, and that the Building Commissioner will go out to see that it is complied with. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Interview: Tercentennial Celebration Committee: Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Moniz Rose to the Tercentennial Celebration Committee. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Interview: Community Preservation Committee: Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Robert Lowe to fill the vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Air Craft Control Bylaw: Mr. Gaechter explained that it appears that our bylaw will not be effective until approved by the MA Aeronautics Commission. He has been in touch with the Chair of the C&BRC and he will contact the Commission to see if anyone needs to attend their hearing in Boston.

Fee Schedule discussion: The FinCom was not present for this discussion.

Building Dept: Mr. Wingard went over the Building permit fee changes to a per square foot schedule. This will bring us in line with other towns. The changes proposed to the plumbing/gas and electrical permits will also bring us in line. The FinCom has seen the proposed plumbing/gas fees and agrees with them. Mr. Gaechter directed the Town Administrator to see that the FinCom was given copies of the new proposals.

Board of Health: Ms. Pajaron told the Board that the BOH is proposing a new fee for the sale of tobacco products. All their other fees should remain the same.

Pamet Harbor: Mr. Silva explained that they are currently charging the highest ramp fee in the State, and all their fees were raised previously. They don't want to price people out.

ZBA: Ms. Nolan received a recommendation from the ZBA to increase the application fee for a Special Permit or Variance from \$50. to \$100., and for a Condo Conversion application fee of \$100. per unit.

Golf Course: Ms. Nolan told the Board that Mr. Knowles is asking for a change in dates for fees, but no increases of the fees.

Mr. Gaechter directed her to provide the BOS with a list of those departments/committees who have not responded so that the BOS liaisons can take the responsibility of talking with them. The BOS will get together with FinCom after the ATM to discuss the fees.

ATM Warrant: The Board reviewed the articles with the following comments:

Article 6, Borrowing for CC: The expectation is to ask for \$860k and change the figure on the floor of town meeting to a lower figure.

Article 7, Section 6, Amend CPA: Ms. Kadar told the BOS that this should be a separate article.

Article 25, Snows Rd. lot to Housing Authority: This has been rewritten and a comment added. Ms. Kadar said it should be explained when the article is introduced that work has been done there with moving the house.

Article 8, non-profit signage: Mr. Gaechter explained the article cannot be changed unless all the petitioners agree to it. Ms. Nolan explained that a further opinion from Town Counsel is that the signs will be under the town's sign code, so the non-profits would have to go to zoning for relief. Mr. Gaechter said that they would have to get state approval also. Ms. Nolan added that a contract with the town would also be needed. Mr. Gaechter said the non-profits could state these things at town meeting, or the comment to the article can be changed. The amount of \$10k cannot be changed in the article because it is petitioned.

Article 26, Universal health care: Mr. Holt explained that this was a non-binding resolution. He gave the BOS some more information on it for them to read.

Article 10, deferred taxes for seniors: Mr. Asher-Best agreed with the change from 10% interest to 4% interest. He suggested that we may need to adopt the local option, and the comment needs to elaborate more. He will help to flesh it out. Ms. Nolan said Town Counsel has already said it is a legal article.

Article 13, Plumbing/gas inspector: This has been integrated with #14 into one article. Mr. Gaechter said it needs to be made more clear that the \$2,500. is not related to the pay scale change.

Article 17: Moses/N.U. Field Road: Today's date will be inserted if the BOS approve the layout

this evening. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve the layout of Moses Way and North Union Field Road as presented by Slade Associates. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Article 18, support for Lower Cape Community Coalition: This is not a legal article, but cannot be removed because it is a petitioned article.

Article 20, Recognition of Wampanoag tribe: Peter Tighe will come next week to speak to this.

The article calling for conservation land to be transferred to the care of the Conservation Commission has been pulled. The BOS will vote on all the articles next week.

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Received a request from the Shapiros that the BOS pursue a walking/bike path along Shore Road. Ms. Nolan was directed to respond to them about the TIP program.
- A raccoon has tested positive for rabies and another one has been sent away for testing. Two animals must test positive before a town is said to have rabies. Baiting is to begin in Truro. The Health Agent will keep the Town Administrator informed.
- The meeting on affordable housing issues has been set for April 3, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the PSF. It will be a joint meeting of the BOS, Planning and Zoning, Housing Authority and the LCPC. Other invited guests will include County and housing officials.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Asher-Best: -Reported on an article on the Open Meeting Law. Ms. Nolan was to be sure each Board/Committee Chair received a copy.

- Reported on an article about the cable access issue. A copy will be given to the Chair of CAC.
- Reported that he will not seek re-election due to a pending change in his professional life.

After the accolades were given and duly noted, **Mr. Palmer moved to adjourn. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.**

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Paul Asher-Best, Clerk