

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, November 14, 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, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, and Town Clerk Cynthia Slade. Clerk Christopher R. Lucy was absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

STM motions: The latest revisions made by the Town Accountant were distributed. The Board discussed the last minute adjustments.

Temporary Debt Issues: Ms. Slade outlined for the Board the three Bond Anticipated Notes that are coming due: two on the Community Center project, and one for the Poor Property purchase. She has solicited bids for these and the low bidder on all three is Cape Cod Five Cents, with a bid of 3.80%. She requested that the Board approve the sale of these three notes to Cape Cod Five Cents. **Mr. Palmer so moved. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Cultural Council Grant: Ms. Slade informed the BOS that she had received the contract between the State Cultural Council and the Town for FY2007 local cultural council funds not to exceed \$4,000.00. **Mr. Hartman moved to approve the contract between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts MA Cultural Council and the Town for Local Cultural Council Funds FY2007 and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Next week's agenda: The Board discussed postponing the update on the MESA map until November 28th because Mr. Lucy will not be here. Mr. Hartman will also be absent and he requested that the interviews with the applicants to serve on the Taxation Aid Committee be postponed as well.

Other business:

- Ms. Worthington suggested that the Board respond to the Snell's latest letter to the editor regarding the MESA map with a letter of their own. The Board discussed the value of this if their letter corrected misstatements. Mr. Gaechter said he feels that when the BOS are briefed by Ms. Greenhalgh on the 28th, its being televised will be sufficient.

- Ms. Greenhalgh informed the Board that she received notice from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) regarding the MA Endangered Species Act (MESA) that the Town did not send in the proper filing fee for the Community Center and Affordable Housing projects. We had sent in \$300.00, and they require \$1,800.00. The fee is based on acreage. They are saying these two projects encompass five acres. She and Ms. Pajaron measured the area and feel it is not that large; both projects measure 4.07 acres by their generous measurements. Ms. Greenhalgh spoke to Sarah Haggerty at NHESP and was told that there most likely will be a take, so the Community Center will need a redesign so as not to impact box

turtles. Ms. Haggerty has offered to come to Truro and speak to the BOS on this. Ms. Greenhalgh speculated that perhaps MESA has included the library site in their acreage figure. She told the BOS that they could take another town-owned property that is a box turtle habitat and “swap” it by promising never to use it. Mr. Gaechter suggested that it may be time to get our legislators involved. They will discuss this further on the 28th when Ms. Greenhalgh gives them her briefing on the MESA map.

- Mr. Hartman reported on the Planning Board’s meeting last night. The site plan review process went very well.
- Ms. Nolan reported that she received notice that we did not get the Coastal Zone Management grant again this year. It would have been used to re-do the Pamet Harbor parking lot.
- Ms. Greenhalgh reported that the tax rate has been set at \$4.15.
- Ms. Nolan reminded the BOS that the FY2008 budget year will be the year that the new Community Center opens. Mr. Morris has told her that he will need another custodian, and Ms. Grenier has questioned the need for a Community Center manager. Ms. Nolan noted that the Recreation Director may also require additional staff. Mr. Gaechter said he was dismayed to hear this now when they had assured Town Meeting that there would not be additional staffing needed. Ms. Nolan said that Mr. Morris has always said he would need another custodian.

At 6:33 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Curtis Hartman

Janet W. Worthington

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