

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 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 Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Chief Thomas, Peter Burgess, Amanda Reed, Ansel Chaplin, and Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder.

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

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of June 12, 2007 as written. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous. Mr. Harman moved to approve the minutes of the executive session of June 12, 2007 and hold them. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Public Comment: None.

One-day liquor license request: Mr. Hartman recused himself. Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill has requested three one-day all alcoholic beverages licenses for July 14, August 4, and August 17. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the three one-day all alcoholic beverage licenses for Castle Hill and to waive the fees. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Interview: Shellfish Advisory Committee: Mr. Burgess explained that he is concerned with the status of the shellfish and has noted the decline. He would like to assist in the rehabilitation of the stocks. **Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Peter Burgess to the Shellfish Advisory Committee as an alternate. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Interview: Board of Health: Ms. Reed told the Board that she moved to Truro three years ago. She gave the Board an overview of her experience in the public health field. She is working in the e-learning field now. **Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Amanda Reed as an alternate member of the Board of Health. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Wedding request: **Mr. Hartman moved to approve the request of Oliver Hay and Sarah Belanger to hold a wedding ceremony at Ryder Beach on September 29, 2007. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

American Lung Association bike trek: **Mr. Hartman moved to approve the request from the American Lung Association for their 2007 Autumn Escape Bike Trek on September 14-16, 2007. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Police Chief: Third quarter report: Ms. Worthington recused herself. Chief Thomas's report included information on financial, departmental, operational, and administrative aspects of the department's operation during the third quarter. A question and answer session followed his report. Mr. Lucy's questions were taken last, and Chief Thomas told him that he was not

prepared to answer such detailed questions this evening. Mr. Gaechter requested that Mr. Lucy provide both Chief Thomas and the BOS with the questions so that they can be placed on an upcoming agenda. Mr. Lucy requested a date for this follow-up discussion. Ms. Nolan announced that the BOS are not meeting on July 3rd. Mr. Gaechter set a meeting date of July 10th for Mr. Lucy to continue questioning the Chief regarding his concerns with the operation of the Police Department.

Discussion of fees philosophy: Mr. Gaechter recommended that the Town Administrator forward the appropriate pages of fee information to the Boards and staff and ask for their comments. The Board discussed what they should consider as they set the various fees. They agreed that they want to be as revenue neutral for basic services as possible. Mr. Hartman said that as they move away from day to day things, they can be revenue positive. He used golf course fees as an example. They may want to charge more to short term visitors. Ms. Worthington felt that they should raise fees as little as possible for people who live here. She would also like to look at areas where elderly people can be given a cut in fees. Mr. Palmer said that they must realize that as far as some basic services, such as the transfer station, they are subsidizing the provision of service. Ms. Worthington and Mr. Palmer both felt that the comparison of fees with other towns was not helpful. Mr. Gaechter said the value he thought that gave was seeing where fees could be charged that are not currently charged. He said they must accept that they have revenue and they have expenses, and the expenses are not going to go away, so they must look at raising the revenue stream. Mr. Gaechter set the fee setting schedule. They will hold their first joint meeting with FinCom in the first week of week of August, hold a public hearing in September, and implement any changes by October 1st.

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Provided the Board with Flex bus statistics. She will look into the need for a porta-potty at the bus stop now that it is not a transfer location.
- The Board received a letter from a citizen asking if the BOS had ever considered banning private swimming pools in Truro. Mr. Gaechter recommended that he draft a response clarifying that the bylaws address this water usage, and that the system is not overtaxed. Ms. Worthington noted that swimming pools are sometimes installed because swimming is therapeutic. The Board agreed that he should write the letter.
- Reported that the new website should be up by the end of the week. Mr. Hartman expressed his frustration that they have been told this site was going to be up and it is not any further along than before he went on vacation. It needs to get up and be kept updated.
- Ms. Greenhalgh gave the Board an update on handicapped resources in "concert park". She and Mr. Morris have concluded the best site for a 60' long ramp is right next to the existing driveway. The DPW can construct it, but it will need to be properly surveyed to get the slope and analysis correct. Ms. Worthington noted that landscaping should be used to lessen the visual impact. Mr. Palmer thought they should get a cost comparison of a bend back ramp vs. a long straight one. Ms. Nolan said the BOS had some consulting money in their new budget. Ms. Greenhalgh offered her father's services at no charge. He has designed ramps at the UMass campus and elsewhere during his career. Mr. Palmer commented that they would have to evaluate this "let the DPW do it" policy; there must be priorities for the department.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Hartman: -Reported that the Cemetery Commission reported that Memorial Day went well, but some veteran's graves did not get the flag placed. There are grave markers available that would make these placements easier, and he will pursue this.

- Reported that a color for the new berm across from Pamet Park must be chosen-white or yellow. Chief Thomas suggested yellow because that indicates that you are not to cross over it.

- Reported on the status of the Czyoski appeal.

Gaechter: -Noted that the turnout for the dedication of a bench at Pamet Park for Lloyd Rose was not well attended. He would like a press release stating that it has occurred, and urging people to go and see the beautiful view from it.

- Reported that the Housing Forum this past Saturday was very successful.

Palmer: -Noted that he understands no negotiations are to be made with Provincetown on water issues until they receive a response from Provincetown, but he wanted to report that the pump station to bring up water pressure is coming online this week.

- Reported that the Golf Course Manager received a request for a memorial bench, and the request was granted; Mr. Knowles was unaware of the new BOS policy. Mr. Palmer suggested that the GCAC develop a policy for the golf course. **Mr. Palmer moved to take this to the GCAC. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Worthington: -Reported that a citizen had suggested recycling at town beaches. It would only involve containers for plastic and paper, and appropriate signs. Ms. Nolan is to take this up with DPW and the Beach Supervisor.

- Reminded the Board that the Tercentennial Committee needs more funds.

- Stated that she feels the BOS should respond to all letters they receive such as the one concerned with the suburbanization of Truro. She feels they should look at that subject and respond to the letter. This sparked a discussion on the BOS policy on correspondence, and the need to revisit it.

Next agenda: Tercentennial Celebration Committee, FinCom, WROC contract, Reappointments to Committees, Policy memo on correspondence, timetable from Mr. Delius on website.

At 8:17 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

Curtis Hartman

Janet W. Worthington
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