

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, November 6, 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, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Martha Nagy, Brenda Boleyn, Susan Kadar, Cynthia Slade, Paula Goldberg, Steve Desroches of the Cape Codder, and Kevin Mullaney of the Banner.

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

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of October 23, 2007 as written. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Public Comment: None.

Temporary Debt Issues: Ms. Slade informed the Board that she had solicited bids on two temporary debt issues, the Community Center and the Poor property. She requested the Board approve the sale of the notes to Cape Cod Five Cents with the lowest interest cost. She noted that they did not have the lowest interest rate. **Mr. Gaechter move to approve the sale of the temporary debt issues to the Cape Cod Five Cents as requested by the Town Treasurer. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Conservation Restrictions: Mr. Gaechter and Mr. Hartman recused themselves because they are members of the Truro Conservation Trust, the organization that will hold these conservation restrictions if they are approved by the BOS. Ms. Goldberg of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts gave the Board an overview of the three properties, each one noteworthy and deemed to be in the public's interest to protect from further development. The owners and properties are: Miriam Freidin, Castle Road, Anne Lieb Irwin, North Pamet Road and Franja L. Sanders, Old County Road. They discussed the limitations that would be placed on the Irwin parcel pertaining to the buildings on it. Ms. Goldberg noted that the Truro Conservation Trust monitors its holdings on an annual basis. Mr. Palmer noted that one of the restrictions allowed for public access, but the other two did not. Ms. Goldberg told him that where public access is allowed, it is not broadcasted, and it is unusual to allow for public access at all. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve the three Conservation Restrictions. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Resignations: Joel Searcy has resigned from the Finance Committee. Ms. Kadar said he did an outstanding job. She has someone interested in serving, and is her practice, will discuss the candidate with the FinCom before making the appointment.

Ms. Kadar has resigned as State member of the Housing Authority, effective January 1st. She gave the Board an overview of the remaining membership of the Housing Authority, explaining that it is hard to do the work required when two of its members are away for periods of time each winter. Mr. Gaechter questioned the process to find a replacement. She was not sure of the

procedure, but will research it.

Request of Historical Society: Ms. Nolan explained that Susan Goldstone, President of the Truro Historical Society, requested that the Town sign an Indemnification Agreement if they want to use the Cobb Library to serve refreshments after the Veteran's Honor Roll Ceremony on November 11, 2007. Our Town counsel has opined that this agreement is unnecessary. **Mr. Gaechter moved that based on the advice of Town Counsel, there is no need to take action on this request, and to proceed with the ceremony as planned. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

H2B Visas: Mr. Gaechter drafted a letter for the Board to review with input from Mr. Montano. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the letter and to sign it and send it to our representatives. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Policy statements review: The Board reviewed their Standard Operating Procedures. Mr. Gaechter had three changes. The Board meets on Tuesdays, not Wednesdays, the agenda is posted on Fridays not Mondays, and the Town Administrator gives her report before the BOS, not after. He would also like to change the public comment time from two minutes to three minutes. Mr. Palmer suggested posting the agenda on Thursdays instead of Fridays since there has been trouble getting it on the website. Ms. Nolan said that was not enough time. Mr. Gaechter directed that either Ms. Nolan or Ms. Greenhalgh make sure it is posted on the web each Friday before leaving for the weekend. Mr. Lucy suggested removing the last two sentences in #3 that refer to work sessions. Under #5, he would like to remove residents or taxpayers and use language that would allow anyone to make a public comment. It was agreed to use the word people. **Mr. Hartman moved to adopt the changes as discussed. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Water quality monitoring grant: Ms. Greenhalgh requested that the Board approve her draft letter supporting the Estuarine Water Quality Monitoring Project. Mr. Palmer reported that the program is going very well. **Mr. Palmer moved to endorse this grant request. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Goals and Objectives: **Mr. Palmer moved to approve the amended FY08 Goals and Objectives. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Review of Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Lucy had requested that unreleased executive session minutes be reviewed and released where appropriate. He felt there was nothing in these minutes that needed to be held any longer. The other members concurred. **Mr. Lucy moved to release the Executive Session minutes of October 28, 1997, September 4, 2001, August 28, 2002, and October 2, 2002. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** They discussed reviewing these more often, and checking with MGL to see what is required.

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Reported that the Planning Board has concerns about their role in the curb cut policy. It

will be placed on the next agenda; Ms. Nolan is to provide the Chair of the Planning Board and the Chair of the ZBA with a copy.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Palmer: -Reported that the Golf Course Advisory Commission has requested a revision in their Charge. He has drafted one for the BOS to review next agenda. The MOU for the Herring River project should be ready for the next agenda as well.

Hartman: -Requested they review their LCP responsibilities, get a report on the Truro Center Road parking lot berm, and take a hard look at the website, particularly the functionality needed most and how to do it.

Next week's agenda: public hearing on Building Department fees, auditor's exit report, curb cut, MOU on Herring River, revised GCAC Charge, LCP responsibilities, report on berm. The website discussion will be held in two weeks. The Board agreed not to meet the week of Thanksgiving.

Other business: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the contract with the Department of Elder Affairs and authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

At 7:09 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider land negotiations and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Hartman, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye; Worthington, aye. 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

Curtis Hartman

Janet W. Worthington

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