

**Truro Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting  
with the Truro Finance Committee  
Monday, February 25, 2019  
Truro Public Safety Facility**

**Board of Selectmen Members Present:** Chair Robert Weinstein; Maureen Burgess, Paul Wisotzky, Janet Worthington

**Regrets:** Kristen Reed

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Susan Areson, Richard Wood

**Present:** Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Sullivan-Clark; Town Accountant Trudi Brazil

Chair Robert Weinstein called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Discussion of Amendment to Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw**

Paul Wisotzky suggested tabling discussion of the Selectmen's Amendment to the Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw, so that the Board could include members of the public in the conversation. There will be a petitioned Article on an amended Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Bylaw. Janet Worthington and Maureen Burgess explained their previous objections to the process of developing the bylaw amendments. Chair Weinstein said today's discussion would be limited to process. He would like to discuss the bylaw with the public at a future meeting. Maureen Burgess suggested improving the process by getting the amended bylaw to the Planning Board before the amendment was sent to Town Counsel for review and presented to the Board of Selectmen. She cited Selectmen's Policy #10 on access to Town Counsel. Robert Weinstein said that both Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals should meet with the Selectmen to discuss an amended ADU Bylaw. Paul Wisotzky suggested working on amendments after Town Meeting so that the process was not rushed. The Petitioned Article will go forward according to the Warrant schedule, which includes a review by Town Counsel.

**FY2020 Budget Discussion**

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said the draft Fiscal Year 2020 Budget in its present form came out of the Budget Task Force presentations. She reviewed the recap page with changes and sources of revenue. Non-negotiable items include: School, Lower Cape Ambulance, Workers Compensation, Pension and Group Life Insurance. Town Accountant Trudi Brazil, Rae Ann Palmer and Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark had studied the draft budget for possible cuts since the total represented a 5.28% increase. Ms. Palmer reviewed the proposed changes. Robert Weinstein renewed his objections to spending for a Police Department motorcycle. He also suggested that the Superintendent should reexamine School's budget requests. Ms. Palmer explained the anticipated increase in enrollment. She said the School budget could still be tightened up in other areas. Kelly Clark reviewed the 360 line for Seasonal Recreation, and Trudi Brazil explained the Salaries request. Janet Worthington questioned the salaries for the Beach/Recreation Director and Assistant Director. Kelly Clark enumerated the year-round programs that continue after the summer season is over. Rae Ann Palmer said the Town can


reexamine fees for the summer programs. Robert Weinstein discussed the struggle to hold the Budget to 2.5% every year. He asked about aligning the full-time residents' needs and the summer population's needs. Rae Ann Palmer said it comes down to what services get cut. Richard Wood said that the level of service needs to be considered. Paul Wisotzky advocated for year-round sustainability. Rae Ann Palmer suggested reconsidering the Lower Cape Ambulance line. Susan Areson discussed the possibility of sharing staff among departments.


Rae Ann Palmer said she needs to know what serious cuts the Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend. She said around \$400,000 in cuts could get the Town to the next tax rate hearing in fall. Robert Weinstein said making several smaller cuts would add up. The Lower Cape Ambulance line is one possible place for a cut, he said. Ms. Palmer has asked department heads for recommendations for what decreases they could manage in their budgets. She said she does not want to present an override for the FY20 Budget. Ms. Palmer said staffing is already lean. Janet Worthington suggested having an early fall policy meeting before Budget season to determine what services are most valued. Trudi Brazil said that expected revenue could be the basis of such a policy meeting. The DPW garage will be a part of the Local Comprehensive Plan process, Paul Wisotzky said. Susan Areson and the Town Manager discussed use of part-time positions. Chair Weinstein asked that staff and the Town Manager return with further cuts in the FY20 Budget.


#### ADJOURNMENT

Paul Wisotzky moved to adjourn. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


  
Mary Rogers, Secretary

  
Robert Weinstein, Chair

  
Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair

  
Kristen Reed

  
Paul Wisotzky

  
Janet Worthington, Clerk

**Public Records Material of 2/25/19**  
Draft Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

