

Truro Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – July 5th, 2014
Truro Meeting House, 10:30am

Members Present: Jay Coburn-Chair, Robert Weinstein, Maureen Burgess
Others Present: Members of the Truro Non Resident Taxpayers Association

Chair Jay Coburn called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

Jay Coburn provided an update on issues before the Town:

- TA Rex Peterson's death on February 19th, after announcing his intention to retire June 30, 2014
 - Appointed Charleen Greenhalgh as the Acting TA and Bob Lawton, Co-Acting TA
 - Hired MMA Consulting to conduct support the search process and appointed a search committee chaired by Lori Meads
 - Committee is reviewing over 50 applications
 - Board of Selectmen hope to appoint a new TA in the Fall

- Fire Department
 - Truro Fire & Rescue Advisory Committee working with Municipal Resources Consultants issued a report in February – consultants analysis is that we can maintain a call department if we get more aggressive with recruitment and creative with retention
 - Immediate priority is to implement recommendations
 - Town has hired an Administrative Consultant to support the Chief's efforts to revise policies and procedures
 - Will begin a search for a full time Chief this fall

- Police Department
 - Retired 4 vehicles and replaced them with 3, bringing total to 7
 - Added two new positions to reduce the number of single officer shifts
 - Face significant turn-over in next 6 years due to retirements

- Affordable Housing
 - Opening of Sally's Way – 16 units – 60 families qualified leaving 45 families in need
 - 3 unit project on Rt. 6 with Habitat for Humanity in planning stages
 - Requested TA from Mass Housing Partnership on parcel next to the Police Station
 - We still have much to do increase availability of affordable housing and preserve the economic diversity of the Town
 - Town plans to hold a summit on affordable housing in the fall

- Charter Review Commission
 - Created a Standing Committee to bring a few changes each year
- New Website for the Town was launched where citizens may
 - Sign up for e-news
 - Subscribe to meeting notices/agendas
- Goals and Objectives for 2015 are available on the Town's Website
- The Board of Selectmen welcomed Maureen Burgess as a new member.

Members of the Board of Selectmen answered questions from member of the audience.

at 11:25am, Weinstein moved to adjourn the meeting. Burgess seconded the motion. So voted unanimously: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Coburn, Chair, Board of Selectmen

Jay Coburn, Chairman

Absent

Paul Wisotzky, Vice-Chairman

Absent

Janet W. Worthington, Clerk

Robert Weinstein

Maureen Burgess
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