

**Truro Board of Selectmen  
Meeting, February 16, 2016  
Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Chair Paul Wisotzky; Maureen Burgess, Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein, Janet Worthington

**Present:** Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and stated that the meeting was being videotaped.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Police Chief Takakjian gave an announcement and information for the six-week Police Academy course that will begin on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Applications are available at the Public Safety Facility as well as online, he said. The program accommodates twenty people.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

The Board interviewed Susan Todd for a vacancy on the Housing Authority. Ms. Todd explained her interest in the position. She said she would be interested in continuing when the term is up by running for the elected position.

Robert Weinstein moved to approve that Susan Todd fill the vacancy for the Housing Authority until the position is on the ballot for the 2016 Annual Town Election. Jay Coburn seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Richard Wood could not be present, but he had sent a letter expressing his qualifications and interest in filling an unexpired term on the Pamet Harbor Commission.

Janet Worthington moved to approve the appointment of Richard Wood to the Pamet Harbor Commission. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION ITEM**

The Housing Production Plan and Needs Assessment, which was scheduled for a presentation at the meeting, was not yet finalized due to procedural issues. Chair Paul Wisotzky read into a record a letter from Richard R. Lee, who questioned the ability of the Board to consider the Plan which had not been completed. Chair Wisotzky also addressed Mr. Lee's concerns about televised meetings for the Truro Housing Authority.

The item was tabled, but Jay Coburn expressed his objections to doing so, stating that he was disconcerted with further delaying the Plan. Maureen Burgess said that there was more work that needed to be done on the Plan. Carl Brotman, Chair of the Truro Housing Authority, had requested that the Plan be tabled and intends to complete it with the Housing Authority.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items comprise the Consent Agenda:

A. Review/Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign:

1. Town Water Service Hook-up Application for East Harbour Condominiums 618 Shore Rd. with the addition of a third meter for the cottages;
2. Review and Approve Special One Day Alcohol Application and License and One Day Entertainment Application and License for Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Truro Community Center, 7 Standish Way;

B. Review and Approve Common Victualer Seasonal Licenses for Top Mast Café, 209 Shore Rd. and Whitman House Restaurant, 7 Great Hollow Rd.;

C. Review and Approve Declaration of Surplus Property from the Truro Public Library: 1 computer from 1980, 1 desk, and 1 filing cabinet; and

D. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes: Budget Task Force January 11, 2016 and January 25, 2016, and the regular meeting of January 26, 2016.

There was a brief discussion of private use of a public facility (A.-2.). Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer said that it is done, but not often.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

### **SELECTMEN AND LIAISON AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

Robert Weinstein had attended a Friends of the Truro Library meeting for Rae Ann Palmer's State of the Town address. He was impressed with the number of questions asked at the well-attended event. Questions concerned Affordable Housing, plowing, Pay-As-You-Throw, the Transfer Station, and the on-going litigation on the Klein house. He also had a tour of the Truro Food Pantry and wanted to call attention to its availability to those who need it.

Paul Wisotzky reported on the two special meetings the Selectmen had attended last week. One with several police departments concerned the opioid addiction crisis on the Outer Cape. Jay Coburn commended the police departments on their work on the drug problem. Janet Worthington added that public help is available. The other Selectmen's meeting was with Provincetown regarding the water system, sharing staff, and instituting a room tax. Paul Wisotzky announced that there would be one more Budget Task Force meeting.

Janet Worthington announced regret over the recent loss of the Police clerk's son.

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer said that she will be receiving the Army Corps of Engineers report on Ballston Beach in a conference call on February 29<sup>th</sup>. The Center for Coastal Studies report is not yet completed, she said. The State DOT has approved bike lanes and rumble strips on Rte. 6, Ms. Palmer reported. The solar project has hit a snag because energy credits are filled at this time, she said. Sun Edison has suggested slowing the project down until a new program for credits gets underway. The Landfill will still be capped, she said. Rae Ann Palmer urged citizens to reach out to state legislators. The Energy Committee will draft a letter to the state legislators. Sun Edison will continue with Truro on the project.

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Robert Weinstein said he would be attending on an infrastructure meeting of the Transportation Department's Planning Organization (MPO) and was looking for input about where bike racks could be located in Town.

#### **NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Rae Ann Palmer and the Board reviewed agenda items for the February 23, 2016 meeting, which will be a Work Session at the Truro Public Library. The Draft Budget, Warrant Articles, and Draft Performance for the Town Administrator are all on the agenda.

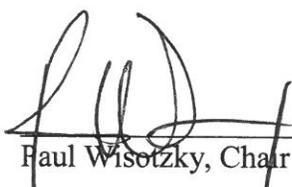
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Maureen Burgess moved to adjourn. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



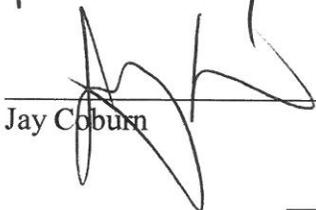
Mary Rogers  
Recording Secretary



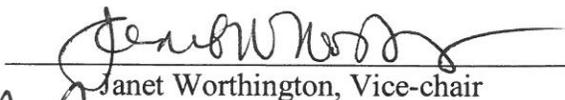
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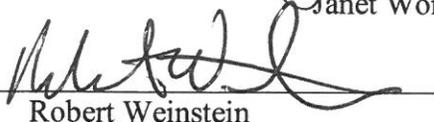
Maureen Burgess, Clerk



Jay Coburn



Janet Worthington, Vice-chair



Robert Weinstein

#### **Public Records Material of February 16, 2016**

- 1.) Application papers of Susan Todd fill the vacancy for the Housing Authority
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