

**Truro Board of Selectmen
Meeting, January 12, 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 5:02 p.m., and with no one coming forward for Public Comment, immediately opened the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Dan Smith, Shellfish Aquaculture Grant – 2 Acres off Beach Point Landing

Dan Smith, of 32 Tom's Hill Road, had filed an application for a new Shellfish Aquaculture Grant. The proposed grant is for 2 acres, located off Beach Point Landing. Abutters had been notified, and a legal opinion has been provided by Kopelman and Paige. Dan Smith and Shellfish Warden Tony Jacket came forward to explain the plan. Mr. Smith gave his background interest in aquaculture and presented a schematic of the steps involved starting an aquaculture farm. He indicated which steps he had completed, what steps remained and the benefits of his proposed aquaculture grant. He sought a conditional approval from the Board of Selectmen at this time.

Richard Rodericks came forward to express his concerns about the impact on tourists, who use the Town Landing Beach. While he supports aquaculture ventures in Truro, his family's motel caters to tourists, who could object to the change. Brian O'Malley of Provincetown discussed State standards for water quality testing. Al Silva of the Topmast, abutter to the north, said the times of operation and loose cages are regulated by the Conservation Commission. He is in favor of the plan. Tony Jackett gave some of the advantages of an aquaculture farm. Richard Rodericks came back to ask if there wasn't another place to locate the grant. Dana Pazolt said tourists are fascinated by his grant, often coming out to talk and ask him questions about it. He said the Beach Point Landing was the right spot for Dan Smith's venture.

BOS members and the Town Administrator addressed the request and asked questions which included: leasing terms; hours of operation; Town Counsel's concern about boat moorings; the choice of location; access for swimmers; setting a precedent for other beaches; policy for uses off of Town property; and getting Beach Department's input.

Dan Smith responded to the concerns, including policy. A pocket of shore without eel grass was a big consideration in choosing the location, he said. Tony Jackett outlined Division of Marine Fisheries, DEP and Conservation Commission procedures.

Robert Weinstein moved to conditionally approve for two year the Shellfish Aquaculture Grant for Dan Smith in a two-acre area off Beach Point Landing with the proviso that Mr.

Smith receive the other necessary approvals from the regulatory bodies and State agencies. Jay Coburn seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Amendments to Regulations for the Taking of Shellfish, Sea Worms, Eels and Crabs

Dan Smith and Shellfish Warden Tony Jacket returned to review the amendments to the *Regulations for the Taking of Shellfish, Sea Worms, Eels and Crabs* with the Board of Selectmen. One major goal was creating enforceable regulations. Changes for daily and weekly catches, considerations for each type of shellfish, and a harvesting guide were included in the document.

Robert Weinstein suggested adding a prohibition of dogs on shellfish areas. Jay Coburn considered that outside the scope of the present hearing, and the Chair concurred. This could be included in another revision of the *Regulations*.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the amendments to the *Regulations for the Taking of Shellfish, Sea Worms, Eels and Crabs*. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Jay Coburn recused himself and asked that Item 5E, Support for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Proposal, be considered while he is recused from the meeting.

CDBG Applications

Alice Boyd asked that Truro submit another Community Development Block Grant program for Housing Rehabilitation and Childcare Subsidy Programs this year. She said one million dollars are available. They are working on 17 to 18 housing rehabilitations with forgivable loans of up to \$35,000 and providing up to \$5,000 each for day care of 40 children in Truro, Wellfleet and Provincetown. With her 26-year record of getting these grants, Ms. Boyd is confident the money will be given again as anticipated. Selectmen commented favorably on the housing rehab program and asked about the subsidies for licensed child care providers.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the submittal of the 2016 applications for CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Childcare Subsidy Programs and authorize the Chair or Town Administrator to sign the grant application and associated forms. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Maureen Burgess moved to allocate Thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) as a CDBG income and establish a Contingency Fund to make other income available as necessitated. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Jay Coburn had recused himself from the meeting.

Support for 2016 Community Development Block Grant Proposal

Chair Paul Wisotzky said that CDB had requested a letter of support for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant proposal.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve a letter of support for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Proposal with authorization for the Chair to sign. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Jay Coburn returned to the meeting.

Condominium Conversion for Castle Pines and Castle/Sea Pines

On behalf of Carol and Richard Pesiri, Attorney Lester J. Murphy presented the request for a condominium conversion for Castle Pines and Castle/Sea Scent Pines dba Seascent Pines at 124 and 126 Castle Rd. Attorney Murphy said there were four units at 124 Castle Rd. and three at 126 Castle Rd. The conversion has been reviewed by the Building Department and Board of Health. He was requesting the BOS approval before going onto the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Permit.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Condominium Conversion for Seascent Pines at 124 & 126 Castle Rd. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Support for Senate 478, An Act Relative to Vegetation Management

Laura Kelly, Director of Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA), requested support for Senate 478, An Act relative to vegetation management, and asked for authorization of the Chair to sign a draft letter to MDAR in opposition to Eversource Energy's herbicide use on utility rights-of-way. Secondly, she asked that the Town object to Eversource's Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). She also requested that Truro's Town Counsel have a discussion with POCCA's attorney about taking legal action against Eversource.

Robert Weinstein moved to send a letter to Senators Anne Gobi and Paul Schmid and authorize the Chair to sign. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0..

Jay Coburn moved to table approval of a draft letter to Eversource objecting to their YOP until the actual letter is before the Board. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0..

The third action requested would require not just a conversation between Town Counsel and POCCA's attorney, but further discussion between Town Counsel and the BOS. Jay Coburn said that most of the power lines are within the National Seashore property. He would like to see how other towns are handling the issue. Paul Wisotzky invited Laura Kelly to return to a future meeting and update the Selectmen on the actions of the other towns.

Jay Coburn moved to table a discussion with POCCA's attorney. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults

COA Director Susan Travers and Fire Chief Tim Collins discussed a training program "Remembering When: A Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults." They are planning a workshop in February and will offer it again during the year. Chief Collins

highlighted some of the important points of the program. He and Susan Travers had attended a training session to bring the program to the community.

Incentives for Firefighter Training Discussion

Fire Chief Tim Collins discussed a possible incentive for fire fighter training. If his firefighters without certification could take a course, the total number certified would be 12. He asked for approval to offer them to the course. Robert Weinstein said he was interested in the financial ramifications, so would only advocate the training as a one time only offer. Janet Worthington supported his suggestion.

Jay Coburn moved to authorize \$1,000 payment for certification training of firefighters at Firefighter 1 and 2 Level for FY17 and that the stipend be distributed upon proof of completion of certification. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign:
 - 1. Support Letter for the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce for the Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) grant
 - 2. Security Agreement with a participant in the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program;
- B. Review and Approve Declaration of Surplus Property at the Truro Police Department;
- C. Review and approve Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 2015 Annual Report;
- D. Review and approve the Common Victualer License (Seasonal) for Captain's Choice at 4 Highland Rd., Truro;
- E. Review and approve an Amendment to the Implementation and Migration Services contract with Barnstable County IT to extend the end date;
- F. Review and approve the Declaration of Surplus Property (Building Dept.) for File Cabinets; and
- G. Review and approve the BOS minutes of December 15, 2015, December 14, 2015 (Budget Task Force) and January 4, 2016 (Budget Task Force).

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer asked that the Budget Task Force minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda and be given to the Budget Task Force for approval.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda with amendments to the minutes of December 15, 2015 and with the Budget Task Force minutes removed. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

SELECTMEN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

The Selectmen's reports were brief. Robert Weinstein had attended the BOH meeting that dealt with Pay-As-You-Throw. They will be scheduling a work session, he said. He reported upon the latest Bike & Walkways Committee meeting. He, Maureen Burgess and Paul Wisotzky had attended two Budget Task Force meetings. Paul Wisotzky said

that he had discussions on PAYT and plowing during his recent Selectmen Hours. Janet Worthington said she was glad to see that the tax rate had been set. Paul Wisotzky urged citizens to apply for vacancies on Boards and Committees listed on the Town website.

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer had much to report. She announced that she and Paul Wisotzky would be going to go to Boston to discuss Affordable Housing. She has been working with the Health Agent and DPW Director about recycling and PAYT. She said the attorney for the solar project is pursuing damages to the cap at the Landfill. Cap repairs will be included in solar contract. Staff and the Center for Coastal Studies will meet with engineers and expect the final study on Ballston Beach in February. She reported the interest in parcel of land on Route 6 suitable for Affordable Housing. Lastly, she announced that the Police Union contract had been approved during the Executive Session.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

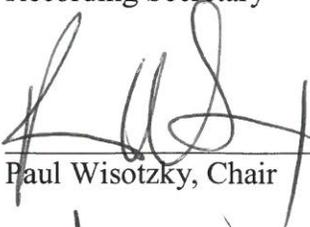
The next meeting will be a work session to be held on January 19, 2016 at the Library. Rae Ann Palmer and the Board reviewed agenda items for that meeting and the January 26, 2016 regular meeting. Janet Worthington was interested in adding an item for a discussion with the Planning Board on options for Affordable Housing, and Robert Weinstein suggested a Bike & Walkways Committee discussion with the Selectmen on safety issues at a future meeting.

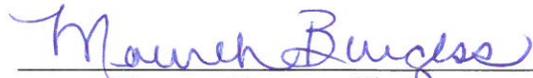
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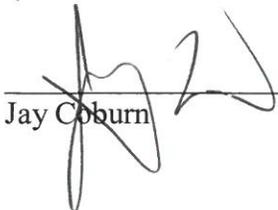
Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

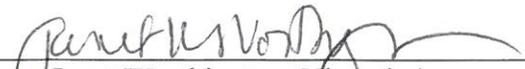
Respectfully submitted,


Mary Rogers
Recording Secretary


Paul Wisotzky, Chair


Maureen Burgess, Clerk


Jay Coburn


Janet Worthington, Vice-chair


Robert Weinstein

Public Records Material of January 12, 2016

1. Shellfish Grant application by Dan Smith
2. Amended Regulations for the Taking of Shellfish, Sea Worms, Eels and Crabs
3. FY16 CDBG application
4. Condominium conversion material for Seascent Pines
5. Draft letter to MDAR
6. Fire & Fall Prevention Program plan
7. 2016 CDB grant proposal
8. Letter of support for Regional Economic Development Organization
9. Security agreement for Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program
10. Declaration of Surplus Property at the Truro Police Dept.
11. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission's 2015 Annual Report
12. Common Victualer License Seasonal for Captain's Choice, 4 Highland Rd.
13. Amendment to the Barnstable County IT Services Contract
14. Declaration of Surplus Property at Building Dept.