

**Truro Board of Selectmen
Meeting, July 18, 2016
Truro Community Center**

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

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer, Assistant Town Administrator Maureen Thomas

After a social half-hour, Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He welcomed the audience to the first meeting with the Part-time Truro Residents.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Board of Selectmen introduced themselves, and Paul Wisotzky introduced the Town Manager and Assistant Town Administrator. He explained the importance of communicating with all Truro residents. Chair Wisotzky gave special recognition to the Truro Police Department in light of the recent violence against police elsewhere in the nation. He introduced the volunteer chairs of various boards, committees and commissions. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer introduced staff department heads.

DISCUSSION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Paul Wisotzky summarized the *Fiscal Year 2017 Values, Goals and Objectives* for the Part-time Residents. The five main areas are: Town Services, Fiscal Management, Public Safety, Community Sustainability, and Community Engagement & Governance. He offered examples of goals from each category. The Town Manager, Selectmen, Department Heads and Chairs had all participated in the development of the goals and were available for discussion.

QUESTION, COMMENTS & CONVERSATION

Members of the audience came forward with their comments and concerns. Ginie Zenger asked about beach sticker policy for trustees. Karl Forester and others questioned the potential increase in taxes for part-time homeowners through a tiered system. Members of the Board and Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer gave updates on the possible tax plan and population data for Truro. Barbara Correa noted the difference between condo owners who cannot be year-round residents and people who choose to be part-time residents. She asked for more information on Goal CS-3, dealing with options for year round housing. Glenna Dersay had an issue about bus service and parking for the bus. She also had concerns about water usage. Deborah Theroux asked about community and affordable housing, which Jay Coburn and Truro Housing Authority Chair Carl Brotman addressed. Paul Wisotzky and Janet Worthington added that there is an effort to use existing housing stock to create a bigger base of affordable units. Jay Vivien took a little poll of blood donors and interest in a Truro blood drive. Bob Doolittle commented on the high per pupil expense in the School Budget and asked about attempts to reduce the cost. Superintendent Grandone explained some of the calculations and overall enrollment statistics.

Paul Wisotzky mentioned the importance of hearing the concerns that might be incorporated in an updated Comprehensive Plan which is being undertaken. Regional opportunities will be

explored, and a State Community Compact grant will be available, he said. Sarah Blake asked for an update on the Eagle Creek restoration. Health and Conservation Agent Patricia Pajaron gave information on the project so far and a projected time line for it. Kevin O’Flaherty said he was seeking Truro license plates for a poster. Tom Makuen was curious about the creation of a bylaw on house size within the National Seashore. This is something that the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen are considering.

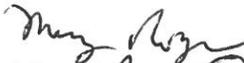
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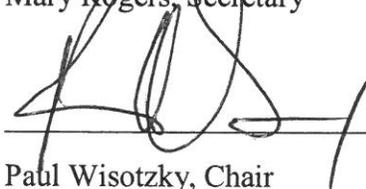
Paul Wisotzky thanked everyone for their participation in the public forum and invited residents to get involved and stay informed about Town affairs. He suggested contact through the e-mail addresses and phone numbers for Town departments and boards provided on the website. He encouraged people to watch meetings online or on TV. Janet Worthington urged the audience to keep the public dialogue going.

ADJOURNMENT

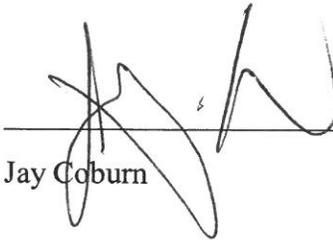
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

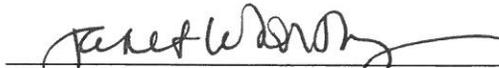
Respectfully submitted,


Mary Rogers, Secretary


Paul Wisotzky, Chair


Maureen Burgess, Clerk


Jay Coburn


Janet Worthington, Vice-chair


Robert Weinstein