

**Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting
Truro Community Center, 7 Standish Way, Truro
Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

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

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

Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF HERRING RIVER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer asked for two representatives from the Truro Board of Selectmen to serve, along with her, on the Herring River Restoration Project's Executive Committee. Robert Weinstein expressed his interest. Maureen Burgess, who has been Truro's representative, was interested in continuing, but she asked Chair Paul Wisotzky if he would like the position.

Jay Coburn moved to appoint Robert Weinstein and Maureen Burgess to serve as Truro's representatives to the Herring River Restoration Project's Executive Committee. Janet Worthington seconded.

After Paul Wisotzky and Maureen Burgess agreed that he would become representative, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Jay Coburn moved to appoint Robert Weinstein and Paul Wisotzky as the representatives for Herring River Restoration Project's Executive Committee. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Visioning Process for Police Department

Rae Ann Palmer, Town Manager, introduced consultant Bill Reilly, who discussed the visioning process for the Police Department. If what the Town desires is established first, he said, that will guide the process of selecting a replacement for Police Chief Kyle Takajian. Consensus is very important, he said. A work session and an electronic survey would help establish this. Mr. Reilly discussed suggestions from the Selectmen on alternatives to an electronic survey for non-computer users, presenting the strengths of the Police Department now, and a timeline for the process. Rae Ann Palmer said that the process would be geared to what makes people most comfortable.

Jay Coburn moved to have the Town Manager go forward with the proposed process of visioning for the Police Department. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Cape Light Compact Grid Mod Update Plan

Margaret T. Downey, Cape Light Compact Administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation on an updated plan grid modernization plan. The two-way flow of energy is a modernization concept.

Electric distribution companies like Eversource have been mandated by the Department of Public Utility (DPU) to update to this system. It is an opportunity for consumer empowerment, Ms. Downey said. She outlined advantages of the upgrade, explained smart metering, gave Eversource's proposal for upgrading and spending on it. In summary, Ms. Downey reviewed the benefits and outlined the concerns for upgrading. She also gave a comparison between Eversource and National Grid, the higher priced option. She listed what energy savings options consumers could have. There were next steps she offered, including taking a Grid Modernization survey through surveymoneky.com. Ms. Downey entertained questions from the Selectmen and discussed the role of the Cape Light Compact. She also explained what was involved in National Grid's plan

Update on County and Cape Cod Commission

Paul Niedzwiecki, the Cape Cod Commission Executive Director, introduced Jack Yunits, the new County Administrator. Mr. Niedzwiecki encouraged Truro Selectmen give their ideas on Cape Cod Commission activity, particularly its reorganization. Cape Cod Commission is working on a number of issues: new infrastructure for the Cape, Affordable Housing, and a Coastal Resilience Plan. Jack Yunits commented on the fiscal crisis that the Cape Cod Commission had faced and managed to stabilize. He discussed Cape Cod Commission interest in dredges for harbors throughout the Cape, the Open Cape communications systems, and regional efforts between Outer Cape towns. Jay Coburn recognized Kevin Grunwald, Truro's Assembly Delegate, who was present at the meeting. In further discussion with the Selectmen, Mr. Niedzwiecki discussed the Reset program offered for Housing, infrastructure possibilities to encourage businesses, and the possibility of being included in discussions between Truro and the Cape Cod National Seashore. Mr. Niedzwiecki noted the strength of Cape towns working together. Ms. Palmer enumerated the areas in which the Cape Cod Commission has assisted Truro.

Preparation of Local Comprehensive Plan Committee Charge

Jay Coburn discussed updating the Local Comprehensive Plan. The Board examined the last charge for the Local Comprehensive Plan. Paul Wisotzky advocated forming a smaller group to devise the process to involve the community. He said the Local Comprehensive Plan also needs to reflect the Regional Policy Plan. Board members discussed engaging the largest number of people in the overall process. There is some funding available from Cape Cod Commission, Ms. Palmer said. She suggested public forums and bringing discussions out to neighborhoods. She said this should be considered when the timeline is planned. Jay Coburn said a five- to seven-member board would be appropriate. Board members had suggestions for the make-up of the committee, which should include a Selectman. The Local Comprehensive Plan Committee would then meet with various other boards and committees. Robert Weinstein suggested having a community "visioning" forum for the Local Comprehensive Plan. Rae Ann Palmer said there may be Mass General Law that impacts the compilation of Local Comprehensive Plans. Jay Coburn and Paul Wisotzky will prepare a draft charge for the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:

1. Water Service Application for 276 Shore Rd – Days Cottages

2. Extension Agreement for the Cape Cod Commission review process for the Herring River Restoration Project
 3. Cape Cod Municipal Health Group Agreement for Joint Negotiation and Purchase of Health Coverage
- B. Review and Approve 2017 Annual Lodging House License – Gingerbread House
C. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes – October 4, 2016, October 11, 2016

Maureen Burgess offered an amendment to the minutes of October 11, 2016.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the amended minutes of October 11, 2016. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

SELECTMEN AND LIAISON AND TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

Reports by the Selectmen and Town Manager touched on a number of issues. Jay Coburn suggested a joint meeting with the Planning Board on November 15, 2016 to interview candidates to replace members on the Planning Board. Paul Wisotzky thanked Jay Coburn for his featured speech at the Cape and Islands Selectmen's Meeting, which Maureen Burgess and Robert Weinstein also had attended. Chair Wisotzky also reported that he had delivered Budget Message to Budget Task Force. Maureen Burgess said the School Committee is available for a joint meeting with the Selectmen on December 13, 2016, but some of the arrangements need to be determined. She mentioned some unanticipated maintenance costs that the School had faced. Ms. Burgess also reported on a Wellfleet Board of Selectmen's meeting she had attended to hear concerns from citizens about the Herring River Restoration Project. There will be continued discussion on this, she said. Robert Weinstein has continued to raise asbestos concerns over two buildings slated for demolition at the former Air Force Base and the proximity to Truro wells. The Health and Conservation Agent is following this situation, he said. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said Nov. 1st marked the start of the Transfer Station's reduction in time to 5 days a week. There have been a few complaints, she said, but the schedule was approved at Town Meeting. Paul Wisotzky congratulated Rae Ann Palmer on another Nov. 1st item of note, her second anniversary in Truro.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Rae Ann Palmer reviewed the agenda so far for the November 15, 2016 meeting. The regular meeting will begin with a joint meeting with Planning Board to interview candidates to replace two members of that board.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers, Secretary



Paul Wisotzky, Chair



Maureen Burgess



Jay Coburn, Clerk



Janet Worthington, Vice-chair



Robert Weinstein

Public Records Materials of 11/2/16

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