

**Truro Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting, August 25, 2015
Town Hall Meeting Room**

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

Present: Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer; Police Chief Kyle Takakjian

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and he assigned the questions to ask the candidates for Fire Chief.

INTERVIEWS FOR FIRE CHIEF

The Selectmen had spent the day with the two candidates before the formal interview at the meeting. Robert Church, candidate for Truro Fire Chief, outlined his career so far and answered the questions posed by the Board. The other finalist for the position of Fire Chief, Timothy Collins, addressed the same questions concerning how he would be a good fit for the Town of Truro.

After a short break, the regular meeting resumed.

The Board deliberated over their decision for Fire Chief and found both candidates highly qualified. A preference for Mr. Collins became evident, however.

Jay Coburn moved to hire Timothy Collins as Interim Fire Chief, contingent upon a reference and background check and prepare a contract. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting began at 5:00 p.m. and was being tape.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Paul Wisotzky read into record the announcement for the public hearing and opened the hearing. Deputy Assessor Cathy Fryxell. She mentioned the openings on the Board of Assessors. Ms. Fryxell reviewed the process for tax assessment. One method is by class, she said. It is possible to have a Commercial rate and a Residential rate, but Truro has always had one tax rate by the factor of 1, which the Board of Assessors recommends.

Chair Wisotzky closed the public hearing after calling for any public comment.

Jay Coburn moved to approve a Residential factor of 1 for tax classification. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Jan Worthington moved to not grant an Open Space discount. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Robert Weinstein moved to not grant a Residential exemption for taxes. Maureen Burgess seconded. Following a discussion of property taxes and values with an eye to new taxation strategies, the motion carried 5-0.

Janet Worthington moved to not grant a small business exemption. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

After a brief discussion of exemptions for affordable accessory dwellings, Ms. Fryxell said she will come back at another meeting with the report of the Excess Capacity Levy balance.

BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Paul Wisotzky recused himself from the meeting and had Janet Worthington act as chair.

Mark Wisotzky came forward to discuss his interest in joining the Shellfish Advisory Committee.

Robert Weinstein moved to move to approve the appointment of Mark Wisotzky to the Shellfish Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2017. Jay Coburn seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Paul Wisotzky returned to the meeting and resumed chairmanship.

Two applicants had applied for an opening on the Planning Board. The Planning Board and Selectmen will make a decision on the appointment at a joint meeting on September 8, 2015. Paul Kiernan and Richard Fishman were present for interviews with the Selectmen.

Paul Kiernan came forward and answered questions about his interest in returning to a position on the Planning Board. He answered their questions, gave his view on the role of the Planning Board, and related more about his experiences with that Board. He spoke strongly on the need for Affordable Housing.

Richard Fishman discussed his qualifications for serving on the Planning Board. He said communication, good listening skills and fairness were some of his strong points. He addressed cooperation between the Planning Board and Selectmen. Mr. Fishman said he was willing to make a commitment to the Planning Board schedule of meetings.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer explained the Kopelman and Paige Acknowledgement of Consent for the Review of a proposed Police Mutual Aid Agreement between Eastham, Provincetown, Wellfleet and Truro.

Jay moved to approve and sign the Consent for the Review of the Agreement for Police Mutual Aid between Eastham, Provincetown, Wellfleet and Truro. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief Kyle Takakjian discussed the Police Mutual Aid Agreement for the Lower Cape towns. He explained what is covered in the agreement. It gives the Truro police officers the same power that the cross swearing-in with the neighboring towns previously provided.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the Agreement for Police Mutual Aid between Eastham, Provincetown, Wellfleet and Truro and authorize the Chair to sign. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief Kyle Takakjian presented two Quarterly Police Department Reports. He noted that the reports had been shortened since the Board receives weekly reports from the Police Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were ten items on the Selectmen's Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Community Development Partnership's delegation of signatory authority to CDP's Fiscal and Operations Director Judith Valverde;
- B. Approval of the Agreement between the Town and Paul S. Kapinos & Associates, Inc., dba/pk Valuation Group;
- C. Approval of a bike and Road Race Application from Suzanne Thomas on behalf of the Town of Wellfleet for October 18, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.;
- D. Approval of the Lodging House License for the Moorlands for William Evaul, owner;
- E. Approval of the Use of Town Property Applications for Snow's Park and adjacent South Pamet Rd. and Pamet Park for AgFair-sustainable Cape on Sunday, September 6, 2015 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a One-Day Sunday entertainment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 6, 2015 at Snow's Park;
- F. Approval for Use of Town Property at Longnook Beach parking lot on September 12-13, 2015 from 5 to 10 p.m. for wedding parking;
- G. Approval of a One-Day Alcohol License for Pamet Harbor Yacht Club on September 12, 2015 from 5 to 10 p.m.;
- H. Approval of a One-Day Wine Sampling and Selling by the bottle for Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod LLC Farm Winery Product at the Truro AgFair on September 6, 2015;
- I. Approval of a Common Victualer License for Babe's Bakery, 69 Shore Rd., North Truro; and
- J. Approval of the BOS minutes of August 11, 2015.

Maureen Burgess made an amendment to the minutes of August 11, 2015. Robert Weinstein commented on Item E, the Use of Town Property on September 6, 2015, saying that that the last AgFair had created congestion in the downtown Truro area. The Town Administrator removed item F from the Consent Agenda.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Action Agenda Items A through J with Item F removed and with an amendment to Item J, the minutes of August 11, 2015. Maureen Burgess

seconded. With abstentions by Paul Wisotzky from Item G, Jay Coburn from Item A, and Robert Weinstein from Item E, the motion carried 5-0.

SELECTMEN REPORTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Robert Weinstein, Paul Wisotzky and Jay Coburn had favorable comments on the Non-Resident Taxpayers' Association meeting which had focused on private and public roads; they said they would like to see that discussion continued in an open meeting. Maureen Burgess, Paul Wisotzky and Jay Coburn, who had held hours at the Farmers' Market, reported that Truro's had been recognized as one of three farmers' markets in the state that had received special recognition for its educational efforts. Maureen Burgess had attended the Water Resources Oversight Committee and the Friends of the Herring River Committee. She made announcements for a Science in the Seashore afternoon offered by the Cape Cod National Seashore and the Wounded Warriors event on September 25, 2015. Ms. Burgess recommended that Truro participate in the Wounded Warriors project with a possible proclamation. Paul Wisotzky said the draft Needs Assessment of the Truro Housing Authority had been prepared. Janet Worthington made the observation that the Harbor had been running well this summer.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Town Administrator and the Board planned the agenda for the next meetings: a September 8, 2015 executive session and a joint meeting with the Planning Board the same day and the September 15, 2015 regular meeting. Agenda items for the September 29, 2015 meeting were also suggested.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer reported on a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Cape Cod National Seashore representatives for the Ballston Beach project and a possible source of funding for the project. She reported on HVAC issues at Town Hall. She said that the Transfer Station scales had worked out well. The Recreation Department's summer program and the Beach Department's work are now winding down after a successful season, according to the Town Administrator.

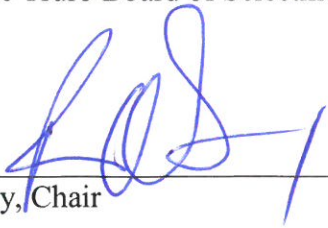
ADJOURNMENT


Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,

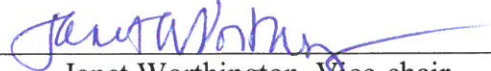


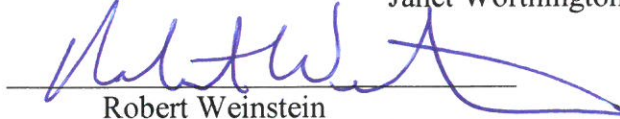
Mary Rogers
Recording Secretary


Paul Wisotzky, Chair


Maureen Burgess, Clerk


Jay Coburn


Janet Worthington, Vice-chair


Robert Weinstein

Public Records Material of 8/25/15

- 1.) Memo from Assessor's Dept. re: Tax Classification Hearing
- 2.) Mark Wisotzky's application for Shellfish Advisory Committee
- 3.) Applications of Paul Kiernan & Richard Fishman to serve on Planning Board
- 4.) Request to use of Kopelman & Paige for Review of Police Mutual Aid Agreement
- 5.) Two Quarterly Police Department Report
- 6.) CDP's letter of request delegating signatory authority to Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation
- 7.) Agreement between Town and Paul S. Kapinos & Associates
- 8.) Application for October 18, 2015 race
- 9.) Moorland's Lodging House License application
- 10.) Application for Truro AgFair 0/6/15 Use of Town Property
- 11.) Application for use of Town Property 9/ 12 & 13/15 at Longnook Parking Lot
- 12.) Pamet Harbor Yacht Club One-Day Alcohol License application for 9/12/15
- 13.) Truro Vineyard request for Special License on 9/6/15
- 14.) Application for Common Victualer's License for Babe's Bakery