

**Truro Board of Selectmen &
Provincetown Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Truro Community Center**

Truro BOS Members Present: Chair Paul Wisotzky; Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein, Janet Worthington

Regrets: Maureen Burgess

Provincetown BOS Members Present: Chair Cheryl Andrews; Robert Anthony, Thomas Donegan, Louise Venden, Erik Yingling

Present: Truro Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Provincetown Town Manager David Panagore; Truro Assistant Town Manager Kelly Sullivan-Clark; Provincetown Water Department Superintendent Cody Salisbury; Provincetown BOS Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Truro Chair Paul Wisotzky opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Provincetown Chair Cheryl Andrews convened the Provincetown Board meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Inter-Municipal Water Agreement

Cody Salisbury, Chair of the Provincetown Water Commission, gave the Annual Report on the Inter-Municipal Water Agreement between Provincetown and Truro. This covered: Department attention to repairs, leak detection, audits, data collection, work with Environmental Partners on the management plan, decreased usage of water for the year, meter reading and billing, capacity, North Union Field wells in Truro, meeting demands, unmetered consumption, financial outlook, and new rates. Mr. Salisbury answered questions on peak water usage, Beach Point data, and Wells 4 and 5 at the former Air Force Base, which are not on their monitoring scheduled because they are only for emergency use. Cheryl Andrews commented on the relationship between Selectmen's policies and water use in Provincetown. The bills are now for water and sewer usage in Provincetown, she said.

Truro Selectmen thanked Cody Salisbury for the report. Louise Venden joined in the thanks and pointed out the new water rates. Provincetown Selectmen were pleased with increased conservation of water and the report.

Sewer Expansion and North Truro Sewer

Paul Wisotzky said he and the Town Managers and Cheryl Andrews had met to discuss sewer expansion that Truro would like to undertake. Cheryl Andrews said Provincetown has 25 years of experience to assist with the effort. Provincetown Town Manager David Panagore said they are ending a three-year cycle of sewer facilities. He said a reserve for peak flow is an important model that they need to maintain. Provincetown would need to know Truro data to assist with Truro's decisions. This would include year-round use. Jay Coburn commented on the connection between development of larger Affordable housing units and adequate wastewater solutions. David Panagore said they would consider Truro's interest in sewer expansion.

Health Insurance

Provincetown Town Manager David Panagore said that Provincetown and Truro were interested in better health insurance cost options. There are limited options, he said. Provincetown is basically at the place they should be. Rae Ann Palmer said Truro look at other options. She was interested in a better offer for a joint Town program. She said the plans need to take into consideration the older population in Truro. Nothing could be done until July 2019, Ms. Palmer said. Next steps would be evaluation of new plans and checking with the unions. Provincetown and Truro had voted against the Municipal plan last year.

Shared Services

Rae Ann Palmer discussed shared services of Truro and Provincetown that have been studied. Communications is an important of this, Mr. Panagore said. Janet Worthington discussed the need for shelters during emergencies. There is a shelter in Provincetown that is not a part of the regional emergency shelter center. David Panagore said that having charging stations for phones is important now as well as having warming stations. Janet Worthington expressed her concerns about having drivers able to transport people to shelters. There is an emergency management plan in place in Truro. Provincetown is working on one. Internet and cellular service outages in emergency situations were of concern. Mr. Donegan discussed testifying about Eversource issues.

Housing and the Air Force Base

Paul Wisotzky reviewed a visit by Secretary Ashe last year about the potential for housing at the former Air Force Base. Senator Cyr has promised to take this up on behalf of both Towns, Ms. Palmer said. Congressman Keating is also interested, according to David Panagore. Paul Wisotzky said he'd like to see the effort kept on the table. Mr. Donegan said the area needs to be cleaned up even if it is not used for housing. Robert Weinstein called attention to the former Weymouth Naval Yard which had been transferred to Town management. Jay Coburn suggested that the two Town Managers draft a letter to the state and federal representatives regarding management of the Air Force Base. Cheryl Andrews said that Truro should take the lead in preparing a letter.

Paul Wisotzky discussed the potential of the Cloverleaf Property for Affordable Housing in Truro. Having water for the property is essential. Mr. Panagore said that new pipe would be necessary.

Cape Cod National Seashore

Cheryl Andrews discussed the Cape Cod Seashore Advisory Commission, which has not been meeting. She said Provincetown has been considering what to do about this. One idea had been to have meetings with the six towns that are a part of the Cape Cod National Seashore. David Panagore said Senator Markey has been requesting updates on the Advisory Commission's status. Mr. Panagore said the senators and representatives do not want towns to step or overstep into the role of the Advisory Commission. Mr. Donegan said the towns should be able to meet to discuss issues without overstepping. Cheryl Andrews said that boards from the six towns should be invited. Robert Weinstein concurred. He said the Resilient Communities topic was one worth considering with the other towns and the Seashore. Erik Yingling discussed the services

provided by the towns to the Seashore as a partnership. Ms. Palmer commented on the good working relationship that Truro has with the Seashore. She recommended that the Seashore be aware that the towns would like to meet to discuss topics of mutual concern. The BOS Chairs will work on possible agenda items for a meeting.

Final Comments

Erik Yingling suggested that the Wellfleet Selectmen may be interested in a discussion of the former Air Force Base. Cheryl Andrews reminded everyone of the 2020 Event to commemorate the Pilgrim's arrival. She asked if Truro would be interested in forming a local committee to work on the effort. It will be on a future agenda for the Truro Selectmen, Paul Wisotzky said. Jay Coburn commended Erik Yingling for his service to the Provincetown Board of Selectmen. Paul Wisotzky noted that Jay Coburn would be completing his service with the Truro Board.


ADJOURNMENT


Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.


The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers, Secretary


Paul Wisotzky, Chair


Maureen Burgess Vice-chair


Jay Coburn


Janet Worthington,


Robert Weinstein, Clerk

Public Record Materials of 3/20/18

Annual Report on the Inter-Municipal Water Agreement between Provincetown and Truro