

Truro Board of Selectmen

Meeting, March 8, 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 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Asher-Best came forward to read what he had planned as a petitioned Article but now presented as a statement requesting resolution regarding the house at 6 Steven's Way. He objected to further spending on litigation for the case.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2017 Budget to the Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer presented the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget. Two major recommendations that she made reduced the Legal and Recreation Budgets. She had a proposed decrease in time for an Assessing position and introduced an increase for the Selectmen's stipends.

Jay Coburn moved to not increase the stipend for the Board of Selectmen. Robert Weinstein seconded. Discussion followed about the appropriateness of voting on their own stipend and the wisdom of avoiding the increase. The motion carried 4-1-0.

The Police Budget was deferred until another meeting. Rae Ann Palmer explained changes in the DPW and Transfer Station. The Transfer Station would not be open all week and would close on more holidays. Single stream recycling would be instituted at the Transfer Station with staff monitoring at the hopper. The second recommendation for DPW was the addition of a night time and weekend cleaning position. Jay Coburn expressed interest in keeping positions for a full-time Assistant Town Administrator and a near full-time Town Planner. Ms. Palmer also discussed cuts from the Capital Budget.

Preliminary List of Articles for 2016 ATM Warrant

Rae Ann Palmer presented the preliminary list of Warrant Articles for 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The first eight Articles are standard ones, including transfers. Articles for union contracts are included. A Capital Stabilization Fund needs to be set up, Ms. Palmer said. The Town Clerk is requesting some fee increases. There is a Veterans' Tax Work-off Program that was considered, but it is not ready to go forward to this Town Meeting. Other items for the

Warrant included: an easement over Town property; the Civil Fingerprinting bylaw; a General Bylaw for swimming pools; a parking bylaw; the Historic Commission's amendment allowing for abutter notifications; acceptance of the DOT "Clover leaf property" as 4-acres for Affordable Housing, which led to discussion of location for DPW facilities; Charter changes in the Warrant involving the Budget process; and zoning bylaws on Growth Management and Accessory Dwelling proposed by the Planning Board. There are two petitioned Articles submitted, but one needs to be revised by its proponent, according to Ms. Palmer. The other petitioned Article is for a zoning bylaw and needs to be referred to the Planning Board.

Jay Coburn moved to refer the petitioned Article on Street Definition to the Planning Board. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Truro Police Department Annual Report and Emergency Management Annual Report

Chief of Police Kyle Takakjian first presented the Police Department 2015 Annual Report. Three new police officers graduated from the Police Academy. Two officers are participating in a training program by the FBI. The Department continues to be involved in mental health programs and partnerships. The K-9 program came to life with Officer Raneo and Ella's training. Statistics are included and available on calls to the station. He noted that the calls don't always turn out to be what was initially reported. Board members commented on the report and raised questions that Chief Takakjian answered. One major concern was the police approach to the opiate crisis. He will provide further information on the private donations for the K-9 support.

Chief Takakjian also summarized the Emergency Management Annual Report. The emergency shelter in partnership with Provincetown was put into use during the winter storms of 2015, he said. Improvements are being developed this year. Information for preparing home emergency kits will be added to the Town website.

Outer Cape Selectmen's Working Group on Addiction

Chair Paul Wisotzky said two volunteers were needed to continue work with the Outer Cape group on addiction issues. Robert Weinstein and Janet Worthington volunteered to serve.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

A. Review/Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign:

1. Cooperative Agreement with Barnstable County for the Dredging Pamet Harbor;
2. Amendment to the Net Metering Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement with SunEdison Origination1, LLC;

B. Review and Approve the 2016 Rental Registration Fee;

C. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes: February 16, 2016 (Regular), February 23, 2016 Work Session; the Budget Task Force Meeting Minutes for February 1 and February 22, 2016.

Robert Weinstein asked for the removal of Item A-1, which did not have the attachment and had language that he said Town Counsel should review. Rae Ann Palmer said that the dredging had been completed, so she suggested that the Selectmen approve it. However, she would still have Town Counsel review the Cooperative Agreement with Barnstable County as soon as possible.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the entire Consent Agenda. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

SELECTMEN AND LIAISON AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Robert Weinstein, in his role as Regional D Cape Cod Regional Transit Funding, requested an alternate to meet in the event he could not attend a meeting. This does not have to be a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Maureen Burgess reported on the final meeting of the Budget Task Force and praised their overall effort on the Budget. She held Selectmen's Hours at the Community Center on March 1. As a member of an Ad Hoc Committee of the COA concerned with senior citizens in the community, she explained their survey on senior needs.

Paul Wisotzky acknowledged the service of Bernie Robbins to the COA. Pre-town Meeting will be held on April 12, 2016, he said.

Janet Worthington had attended a Chamber of Commerce dinner and expressed her appreciation of the cooperation between the BOS and the Chamber. She asked about possible video recording of future Budget Task Force meetings. Overall taping policy and costs will be reviewed before there is a decision on this.

Jay Coburn discussed home rule petitions for room tax. Sarah Peake had put in the request to the Speaker of the House, and a date is set for March 30, 2016. Jay Coburn had attended a Mass Housing Partnership meeting on use of CPA money for developing Affordable Housing.

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer asked for and received feedback on the weekly report of the Town departments. She said there is now a scope of work report for Ballston Beach and the Pamet Valley. She will explore funding sources to keep the project moving forward. She expects the publication of a newspaper article that included Truro's ability to provide requested public records. COA Director Susan Travers has been attending workshops on aging sponsored by AARP, something that the Town Administrator had recommended for her.


Agenda for Next Meeting

Rae Ann Palmer and the Board planned for upcoming meetings. On Tuesday, March 15, 2016 there will be a brief regular meeting followed by a work session. The March 22, 2016 meeting agenda concentrates on Warrant recommendations. There will be an executive session first at 4 p.m. The April 19, 2016 meeting will focus on the motions for Town Meeting.

Adjournment


Maureen Burgess moved to adjourn. Jay Coburn seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers

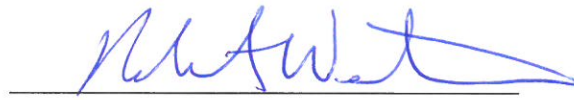
Recording Secretary


Paul Wisotzky, Chair


Maureen Burgess, Clerk


Jay Coburn


Janet Worthington, Vice-chair


Robert Weinstein

Public Records Material of 3/8/16

- 1.) Fiscal Year 2017 Budget
- 2.) Preliminary List of Warrant Articles for FY16 ATM
- 3) Police Annual Report and Emergency Report
- 4.) Cooperative Agreement with Barnstable County for the Dredging Pamet Harbor
- 5.) Amendment to the Net Metering Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement with SunEdison Origination1, LLC
- 6.) Rental Registration Fee 2016