

**Truro Board of Selectmen
Meeting, March 15, 2016
Truro Public Library**

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

Regrets: Jay Coburn

Present: Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer, Town Accountant/Acting Assistant Town Administrator Trudi Brazil

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Robert Weinstein moved to close the Warrant for 2015 Annual Town Meeting as of March 16, 2016. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Janet Worthington moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:04

Work Session

Paul Wisotzky opened the Work Session at 5:05 p.m.

Discussion of Tax Bill Insert

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer explained the planned use of a tax bill insert giving information about CDBG's loan program. She suggested developing an insert policy for future use. The Selectmen will develop a policy on inserts before the fall tax bills are ready.

Discussion of Budget

Rae Ann Palmer said the Budget was now balanced. She reviewed items that had changed on the Summary Sheet.¹

Discussion of Annual Town Meeting Articles

Town Counsel will be reviewing the Warrant, Rae Ann Palmer said. She will send the Selectmen the version with the Town Counsel comments. A few Articles had been removed from the Warrant, she said.

Discussion of Fire Department Staffing

Fire Chief Tim Collins was present to discuss a draft Fire Department Staffing Proposal² with the Board of Selectmen. He has been working on staffing ideas with the BOS Chair and the Town Administrator. There is now a proposal to hire six full-time firefighters, yet maintain the Call Firefighters. The Fire Chief and Accounting Assistant Tami Francis had compiled a 212 hour every 28 day schedule model. The plan totals including the Chief, Captain and Squad, as well as training expenses and health insurance, would require an Override. Board members discussed how a 28 day schedule would work. Rae Ann Palmer asked about a second in command for the Chief. The Board and Town Administrator will continue to work with the Fire Chief on the

staffing proposal. There is also potential for a regional effort for the Fire Department. Fire Department staffing issues will be on the agenda for the March 22, 2016 BOS meeting.

Town Counsel Conversation

Robert Weinstein requested permission to discuss an issue with Kopelman & Page. He and Rae Ann Palmer will have a phone conversation with Town Counsel.

Adjournment

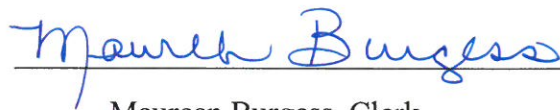
Robert Weinstein moved to adjourn. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

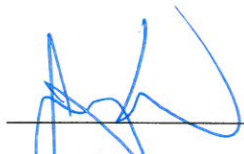
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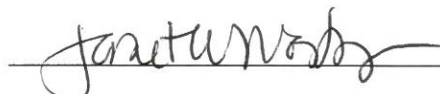

Mary Rogers


Recording Secretary


Paul Wisotzky, Chair


Maureen Burgess, Clerk


Jay Coburn


Janet Worthington, Vice-chair


Robert Weinstein

Public Records Material for 3/15/16

- 1.) Budget Summary Sheet
- 2.) Draft Fire Department Staffing Proposal