

**Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting
Selectmen's Chambers Town Hall
Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

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

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy and Mike Powers came forward with their concerns about the White Sands Motel. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer assured them that staff and Town Counsel are aware of the issues and a Planning Board meeting scheduled on October, 4, 2016 will be presenting a status report on White Sands.

Paul Wisotzky opened the public hearing at 5:08.

PUBLIC HEARING

Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Classification

Cathy Fryxell, Principal Assessor, and Bruce Boleyn, Chair of the Board of Assessors, presented information on assessed values of all property in Truro. Cathy Fryxell said the first step was to determine classifications. Residential is the largest classification. Historically the Town has always had one rate, and the Board of Assessors had voted to maintain this. Ms. Fryxell explained the codes for various types of residential property. She gave updated information on residential tax exemptions. Truro does not have an Open Space discount as defined by the Department of Revenue. The Truro Board of Assessors had voted to not grant an Open Space discount, Ms. Fryxell said. A residential exemption would shift taxes from the year-round residents to the non-resident tax payers. The Board of Assessors voted unanimously not to grant a residential exemption. The Board of Assessors voted not to grant a small commercial & industrial exemption. As part of the FY17 recap, the Assessor informed the Board of Selectmen of the current year excess levy capacity, which is \$246,816.86, even though the figure had not yet been certified. She asked for authorization to sign the LA-5 form on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve a Residential factor of one (1) on the matter of setting a tax rate. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

On the matter of an Open Space discount, Robert Weinstein moved to not grant an Open Space discount. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

On the matter of a Residential exemption, Maureen Burgess moved to not grant a Residential exemption. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

On the matter of small commercial & industrial exemptions, Robert Weinstein moved to not grant a small business exemption. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the signatory authority to the Principal Assessor for the LA-5 Form. Janet Worthington seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer and Chair Wisotzky commended Kathy Fryxell, the Town Accountant Trudi Brazil and the Town Treasurer Cynthia Slade as well as the Board of Assessors for their work preparing the FY17 Assessment and tax classification materials.

Chair Paul Wisotzky closed the public hearing, and the meeting continued.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Angela Gaimari had applied for appointment to two Town boards, the Cable & Internet Advisory Committee and the Truro Cultural Council. She came forward to explain her interest in both.

Janet Worthington moved to approve the appointments of Angela Gaimari to the Cable & Internet Advisory Committee and the Truro Cultural Council. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

TABLED ITEM

American Lung Association Annual Autumn Escape Bike Trek

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer discussed the American Lung Association Annual Autumn Escape Bike Trek to be held on September 23-25, 2016. The event organizers of this long time event had explained that they have kept to the Old County Rd. route because they have safety concerns about crossing Route 6.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the American Lung Association's 2016 Annual Autumn Bicycle Trek and to authorize the Chair to sign the letter. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Joint Meeting with Charter Review Committee

Phil Smith, Chair Charter Review Committee, and members Gary Palmer and Meg Royka were present to discuss potential Charter change recommendations for the Annual Town Meeting. The Charter Review Committee and the Selectmen continued to grapple with Chapter 4 2-7, the Charter's allowances for the Town Manager's contract negotiations, which now has a cap for contracts up to \$100,000. The Selectmen discussed having exemptions for certain positions. The Board did not want to undercut the Town Manager's ability to negotiate contracts. On the other hand, they did not want to relinquish their oversight. Gary Palmer suggested establishing a range that the Town Manager could work within. Mr. Smith read the section of the Charter that defined the Board of Selectmen's executive role. Paul Wisotzky said that the matter of contract negotiation caps might be solved by a means outside of the Charter. Rae Ann Palmer said it was about being able to have the ability to negotiate in good faith, not about authority.

Other Charter Review Commission suggestions were intended to make the Charter more general, so it doesn't have to be constantly revised. The Review Board looked at eliminating a big list of multi-member boards. Another potential change was eliminating Appendix B. These positions

are listed in 3.1.1. Mr. Smith said it's really an organization chart that doesn't belong in the Charter.

Section 2.3.3 about petitioned articles for Town Meeting was of interest to Paul Wisotzky. The Charter Review Board had looked at this too. Mr. Smith had an explanation of why the number of petitioners was so much higher for a Special Town Meeting. Rae Ann Palmer offered to gather information from other Cape towns on the number of signatures required for Petitioned Articles.

Selectman Jay Coburn joined the meeting.

The Charter Review Board will return with Warrant Article suggestions in a few months.

Herring River Restoration Presentation

Tim Smith, Restoration Ecologist for the Cape Cod National Seashore, and National Seashore Superintendent George Price gave a PowerPoint presentation on Herring River Restoration plans. Tim Smith reviewed the members and towns involved in the project. He displayed an overview map; photos of the dike on Chequessett Neck Rd., Wellfleet; a chart depicting the tide range in the Herring River; and a listing of the effects of tidal restriction. He explained the restoration proposal and gave the major components of the plan. The impact on low-lying roads and the project benefits; impacts on habitat; and anticipated changes were listed. The fastest timeline under consideration is five years, Mr. Smith said. The big benefit of the project is expected to be better water quality for the estuary. Discussions are being held with individual home owners who will be affected by the project. He outlined the next steps for moving forward, much of them about permitting and fund raising.

Tim Smith and Superintendent George Price answered the Selectmen's questions on funding, the road elevation process, outreach to homeowners, and sea level rise.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Chair to authorize and sign the Herring River Restoration Memo of Understanding, MOU-3. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Conservation Restrictions

Fred Gaechter, Chair of the Truro Conservation Trust, explained the Conservation Restriction requests for One Skyview Drive - Friedman, 15 Cabral Farm Road – Johnson/Truro Center for the Arts and 15 North Pamet Road - McArdle and asked for approval of the CR's on those properties.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the Conservation Restrictions for One Skyview Drive, 15 Cabral Farm Road and 15 North Pamet Road and to authorize the members of the Board of Selectmen to sign the Restrictions. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Naming Walking Trail at Edgewood Farm

Fred Gaechter remained to discuss naming the new walking trail on Town Conservation land located at Edgewood Farm. The Conservation Trust has named one section which it owns but suggested that another portion of the trail owned by the Town also be given a name. Mr. Gaechter said they would like to make the signs for the trails during the winter. Mr. Gaechter

suggested that some or all of the trail might be named for Ansel Chaplin for all his work on conservation in Truro.

Board of Selectmen Policy for Residential Hiring Preference

Rae Ann Palmer recommended a new Board of Selectmen policy for residential hiring preference by giving an initial ten-point bonus on applications of residents for Town positions.

Robert Weinstein moved to approve a Board of Selectmen Policy #57 for Residential Hiring Preference. Jay Coburn seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of Solar Contract and Possible Alternatives

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer discussed the solar contract with the Selectmen. She said the item should not be tabled or acted on at this meeting. Brian Boyle from the Energy Committee came forward and discussed the Green Community effort to develop solar energy sources. Energy credits spurred a growth in solar installations, he said, and money became available to do projects during this period. Subsequently, the subsidies decreased. The percentages for energy discounts have dropped for new installations, he said. The Truro site could be leased, but it is not ready yet. He said that the site will be valuable when it is capped. In the meantime, Truro could buy discounted energy from another source. No decision by the Board of Selectmen was needed yet.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:

1. Contract for GFM Enterprises for Transfer Station Remediation Project Bid;
2. Wireless Communications Facilities Lease Agreement with Crown Castle (Consent for Generator Replacement-AT&T) for Cell Tower located at 344 Route 6;
3. Truro Police Department Lieutenant Contract;

B. Declaration of Suicide Prevention Week;

C. Reappointment of Board/Committee/Commission Member;

D. Review and Approve Declaration of Surplus Items Department of Public Works Vehicles;

E. Review and Approve Declaration of Surplus Items Police Department-Police Cruiser for Trade-in;

F. Permission for Town Manager to Declare Surplus Items;

G. Review and Approve One Day Entertainment-Captain's Choice 4 Highland Rd., September 17th, 2016; and

H. Review and Approve Regular Board of Selectmen Minutes – August 8, 2016, August 9, 2016.

Robert Weinstein requested further information on A-2. Rae Ann Palmer said the Consent item was simply to get the permitting underway.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Paul Wisotzky read the Suicide Prevention Week Proclamation that had been included in the Consent Agenda, and Maureen Burgess thanked Dr. Parker Small for his service on a number of Town bodies.

SELECTMEN AND LIAISON AND TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

The Selectmen and Town Manager gave their reports. Robert Weinstein had sat in on the Shellfish Advisory Committee and commended them on their propagation efforts at Corn Hill and for other aquaculture grants. Maureen Burgess had attended the Science Symposium sponsored by the Cape Cod National Seashore. Paul Wisotzky held his Selectmen's Hours at the Transfer Station and heard positive feedback about the Transfer Station and a question on recycling profits going to the COA. Janet Worthington also thanked the Shellfish Advisory Committee. She acknowledged and thanked those who work at the Harbor. During her Selectmen's Hours, she had heard suggestions for Transfer Station stickers and use of paper ballots at Town Meeting. She expressed her interest preparing a proclamation for Lucy Perry, who is turning 100 years old. Jay Coburn commented on the recent elections and congratulated Truro native Julian Cyr for a job well done. He noted with appreciation that the Police Chief has given advance notice of his retirement.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer reported on preparations for the End of the Season Beach Party, gave a reminder for the Emergency Management Training Session, noted the numbers of applicants for the Firefighter positions, and reported on the transition of the DPW Director. She said the interviews for the last vacancy in the Assessor's office had been completed, and the position of Town Planner is ready to be advertised. Ms. Palmer said there is a need to hold an Executive Session regarding White Sands Motel at the September 20, 2016 meeting. She had also met with Mark Borelli to prepare a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission for the Ballston Beach parking lot.

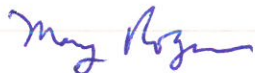
NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The next meeting on September 20th is a work session to discuss Town Counsel and the noise bylaw. The Executive Session will be held before the 6 p.m. joint meeting with Provincetown, which will be taped. The work session will not be taped. The regular meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 so far includes agenda items on Budget proceedings and a process for looking at committee charges.

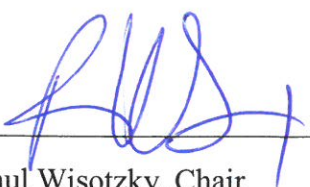
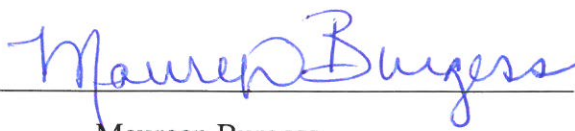
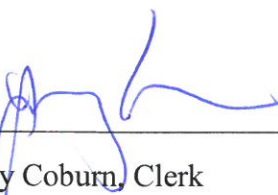
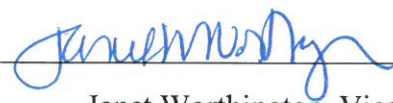
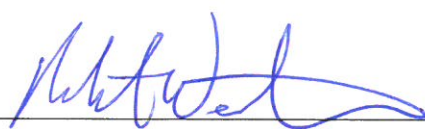
ADJOURNMENT

Maureen Burgess moved to adjourn. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers, Secretary


Paul Wisotzky, Chair
Maureen Burgess
Jay Coburn, Clerk
Janet Worthington, Vice-chair
Robert Weinstein

Public Records Material of 9/13/16

1. Classification Tax Allocation (LA-5)
2. Cable & Internet Advisory Committee and the Truro Cultural Council member applications
3. American Lung Association Bike Trek application and letter
4. Herring River Restoration Project Report and MOU
5. Conservation Restrictions
6. Naming of Walking Trail materials in Conservation Trust newsletter
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