Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting Truro Public Library Tuesday, October 4, 2016

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

Janet Worthington

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer, Assistant Town Administrator Maureen Thomas

Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Police Chief Search Process

Chair Paul Wisotzky looked towards a process for replacing Police Chief Kyle Takakjian, who will be retiring in June 2017. This presents an opportunity for sharing a police chief with another town; however, an open search process needs to be initiated along with consideration of internal candidates for the position. Paul Wisotzky said that the job description needs to be revisited. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer will have Town Counsel provide other Police Chief job descriptions that have components for Truro to consider. The Board and Town Manager will first examine what kind of Police Department they envision before revising the description. Rae Ann Palmer suggested inviting a Town Counsel attorney who specializes in labor to work with the Town on the process. Ms. Palmer said there are ways to get citizen input without use of a search committee. She will approach the Town Managers from Truro and Wellfleet to discuss the possibility of sharing a Police Chief. Rae Ann Palmer also has a contact who might be available for further consultation. Ms. Palmer suggested, as a starting point, holding a meeting to hear the Police Department's vision for their department. The job description with input from Town Counsel and Kyle Takakjian will then be revised before the actual selection process takes place.

Communication and Availability

Paul Wisotzky asked about the Board members' expectations for communications. For instance, on weekends he does not check e-mail. He proposed to leave the Town Manager alone on weekends except in the case of emergency. Assistant Town Administrator Maureen Thomas said she would cover emergencies if Rae Ann Palmer was not available. Rae Ann Palmer, Maureen Thomas and the Board members indicated their preferences for contact by phone, texting or e-mail.

Selectmen's Objectives

Rae Ann Palmer will give an update of her Goals and Objectives at the next BOS meeting. The Selectmen reviewed their goals for Town Services, Fiscal Management, Public Safety, Community Sustainability, Community Engagement and Governance, noting the ones that had been completed, what needed attention now, continuing efforts and what could be handled later.

Discussion of 2016 Meeting Schedule

The Selectmen and the Town Manager planned the meeting schedule for the next few months with regular meetings November 2 and November 15, a work session November 29 and a regular meeting December 13, 2016.

Town Manager's Report

Rae Ann Palmer said the candidates for the DPW Director position had been narrowed down, and she expects to announce a choice at the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on October 11, 2016.

Adjournment

Jay moved to adjourn. Jan seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers, Secretary

Paul Wisotzky, Chair

Maureen Burgess

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Janet Worthington, Vice-chair

Robert Weinstein

Public Records Documents of 10/4/16

Selectmen's Fiscal Year 17 Goals and Objectives