

**Pre-Town Meeting
Truro Community Center
April 10, 2017**

Present: Town Moderator Monica Kraft; Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Town Accountant Trudi Brazil; Town Clerk Cynthia Slade

Board of Selectmen Present: Paul Wisotzky, Chair; Maureen Burgess, Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein, Janet Worthington

Finance Committee Present: Lori Meads, Chair; Dennis Clark, Robert Panessiti, Richard Wood, Roberta Lema

Town Moderator Monica Kraft called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Finance Committee Budget Hearing

Finance Committee Chair Lori Meads introduced the members of the Finance Committee and addressed their overall concerns for the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget: an override, salaries, debt service, the Stabilization Fund, and the bond rating with Standard and Poors. She said the Finance Committee recommends the Budget.

Candidates

Board of Selectmen

Incumbent Maureen Burgess addressed the assemblage with an explanation of how she has performed for the past three years and her request that she be reinstated for another three years.

School Committee

Theresa Hughes said this would be her fifth term on the School Committee. She is running unopposed. She is available to discuss with concerned citizens any of the mandated Special Needs programs that Truro must follow.

Library

James Kayad and Maureen Cronin were not in attendance, but the third candidate Martha McGann gave her background in library work in Eastham and her volunteer work in Truro.

Cemetery Commission

Marilyn Adams presented her interest in the cemeteries. She elaborated on the preservation of the historic cemetery records and said she plans to photograph all gravestones after they have been cleaned.

Planning Board

Steve Sollog, who is running for reelection to the Planning Board, gave his background in the Planning Board. Paul Kiernan, who has served on the Planning Board, presented his credentials on the Board.

Housing Authority

Kevin Grunwold said he was running for an open place in the Housing Authority. He has had experience with the Cape Cod Commission and has been attending Housing Authority meetings for the past year.

Town Moderator

Monica Kraft said she was again a candidate and hoped to continue as Town Moderator.

Warrant Articles

Ms. Kraft suggested that, instead of going through every Article in the Warrant, only those of interest to the audience be discussed.

Article 6 Override

Martha McGann asked about the presentation of Override proposed in Article 6. Finance Committee member Robert Panesitti addressed her concerns. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer explained which items had been included in the General Override. Robert Panesitti discussed the potential for amending the Article if people wanted to take out particular items. Board of Selectmen Chair Paul Wisotzky discussed the Selectmen's priorities for the Budget. He explained how there were no longer any one-time sources of funding available to help balance the Budget. Other expenses, outside of the Town's control, have increased, he said. Jay Coburn explained why the items in the General Override were put together as one Warrant Article.

Budget Line for Town Manager

Jim Summers asked for a clarification of the Town Manager's Budget line. Town Accountant Trudi Brazil explained the difference in the Budget Line.

Article 7, Section 3

Trudi Brazil explained the request for a transfer of \$3,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Article 10

Paul Kiernan asked about the replacement of the culvert from the bay up to Route 6. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said this is for a repair of the part of the culvert that Truro is responsible for. Jarrod Cabral, DPW Director also discussed the needed repair.

Articles 33 and 32

John Marksbury asked about the Town-wide Zoning Bylaw Amendment for house size. Selectmen Robert Weinstein addressed his question, noting the Local Comprehensive Plan charge to keep the rural nature of the Town. Mr. Weinstein invited residents to attend future Budget Task Force meetings, which are open to the public. Janet Worthington spoke in favor of Article 32, which deals with size of houses in the Seashore District only.

Amending Articles

Jay Coburn said that amendments of Articles at Town Meeting are dependent upon the advice of Town Counsel. Monica Kraft said that any amendments must be presented in writing at Town

Meeting. Steve Sollog said the Planning Board has vetted Article 32; the petitioned Article 33 has not received the same attention from Planning Board.

Past Budgets

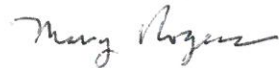
Michael Forglone asked if the Budget could include Fiscal Years from the past beyond the last one. Mr. Panesitti said that costs have gone up and are available online in past year Budgets. He said the Budgets have been lean and have been transparent. He suggested that the past Finance Committee letters in Town Meeting Warrants are a good source of information. School Committee Budget meetings are also open to the public, Theresa Hughes noted.

Salary Lines

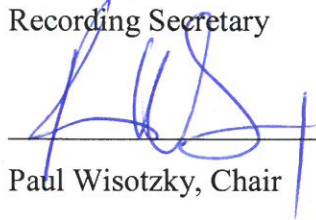

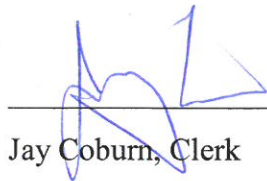
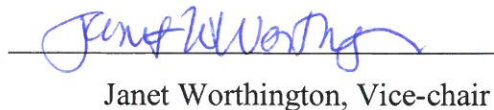
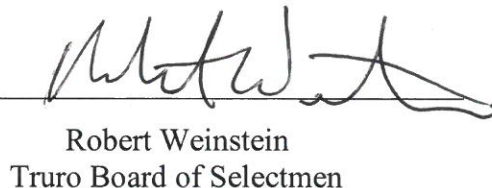
Roberta Lema asked about new hires. Rae Ann Palmer discussed the increase in the Town Manager Budget line, which is now split with the Town Planner, Assistant Town Manager and Town Manager. Other new hires for the Fire Department were approved in an override last year, Ms. Palmer said. Janet Worthington also explained maintaining levels of service and overrides.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers
Recording Secretary


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