

Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Selectmen's Chambers, Truro Town Hall

Selectmen Present: Chair Robert Weinstein; Maureen Burgess, Kristen Reed, Paul Wisotzky, Janet Worthington

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark

Chair Robert Weinstein opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

SELECTEN ACTION

Truro Senior Needs Survey

Dr. Barry Bluestone of Northeastern University presented the Truro Senior Needs Survey that he and James Huessy had conducted with the support of the Council on Aging. They studied what keeps people 55 and older here, what worries them, and how the Town can help them. Four hundred fifty-four people had responded. The survey included reasons for living here and reasons for leaving Truro. Improvements Truro seniors suggested were: access to quality health care; more 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom homes; low-rise multi-unit “garden style” apartments; and smaller multi-unit apartment buildings with common shared space. Recommendations to help people stay included better transportation options, a lower tax rate for seniors on limited income, more housing options for downsizing or shared residences, and an expansion of social services.

Maureen Burgess recognized the original Ad Hoc Committee that had initiated the survey that Dr. Bluestone had completed. Other members of the Board of Selectmen commented on and questioned: medical care needs, zoning bylaws, those qualified for Affordable housing according to the area median income, smaller sized housing, zoning allowances that help people age in place, ideas for the planned Cloverleaf housing, and Region D transportation accommodations for seniors.

Audience members offered their observations. Kevin Grunwald, Vice-chair of the Truro Affordable Housing Authority praised the survey and said it offers educational opportunities. He said he was baffled about those who would leave because of taxes. Susan Howe, Chair of the Commission on Disabilities, commented on the need for access design for people with mobility impairments. Dan Smith advocated neighborhood helpfulness, especially for elders.

Chair Robert Weinstein thanked Dr. Bluestone and the original committee for their work on Senior Needs Survey, which is posted in its entirety on the Town website.

Selectmen Goals & Objectives

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer asked committee chairs and the new Chief of Police James Calise to offer their suggestions for goals and objectives. Chuck Steinman, Vice-chair of the Historical Commission, distributed and reviewed two suggestions: a demolition delay sequence earlier in the process for historic structures and support for limits on house size. Bob Panessiti,

Chair of the Finance Committee and of the Charter Review Committee, commented on the Budget process with the televised Task Force meetings and improvements implemented by Charter changes. He was interested in developing policies that encourage more affordable housing. He is open to discussion of each fiscal year's budget and welcomes advance questions. Rae Ann Palmer said there will be community forum in October for early Budget awareness. Kristen Reed suggested creating more graphics that help the public understand budget. Richard Wood, Vice-chair of the Finance Committee, advocated for a balancing act, not just a bottom line vote at Town Meeting. Barry Bluestone said charts explaining the revenue side and the expense side of budgeting are very helpful. Paul Wisotzky said there will be a separate budget meeting this Fiscal Year instead of holding it as a part of Pre-Town Meeting.

Kevin Grunwald, Vice-chair of the Housing Authority, highlighted rental options at all levels of area median income. He commented on the availability and cost of land, noting that the Selectmen goals for this and for the Cloverleaf property support the Housing Authority goals.

Dan Smith, Vice-chair of the Shellfish Advisory Committee, said making East Harbor a shellfish resource is a possibility, but BMF requires a sampling process which he recommends as a goal. The Pamet Harbor shellfish area could be improved through the addition of soft shelled clams, he said. The Truro aquaculture development area with five full-time growers is another venture that the Shellfish Advisory Committee supports. Chair Weinstein and Rae Ann Palmer gave further information on work on the headwall and culvert to East Harbor. Rae Ann Palmer said the Eagle Creek project would also influence the health of Pamet Harbor.

Kevin Kuechler of the Water Oversight Committee said his biggest concern is contamination of ground water. He discussed the inadequacies of cesspools. His committee has made a study of the percentage and locations of cesspools in Truro. He said there are loans available for septic upgrades. Susan Howe, Chair of the Commission on Disabilities, commented on recreational offerings in Town. She recommended making Puma Park accessible for all abilities and all ages.

Chris Lucy commented on Goal CS8 about the town centers. He said there had been an earlier committee that had looked at North Truro. He said that road work by the state is needed. CS9 was something that Planning Board had considered, he said. He said he agreed with it, in part, but not amnesty. For CS13 and CE3G, Mr. Lucy recommended constant effort on boards and the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee and on the Cloverleaf Property. He suggested creating a Selectmen's Policy on guns in the workplace. He also suggested reviewing the make-up of the boards along with numbers and charge. Chair Weinstein commented on Route 6 and DOT budgeting through the MPO in 5-year increments. He said Truro is on track with road improvements.

New Police Chief James Calise introduced himself and discussed some of the goals. Maureen Burgess had requested more work on noise bylaws. He will be working on the Emergency

Management Team, Rae Ann Palmer said. Chair Weinstein asked Chief Calise about a Public Safety goal for guns in the workplace.

The Board decided to take into consideration some of the new suggestions and incorporate them into the draft *Goals & Objectives* for the public hearing.

Non-Profit Alcohol and Licensing Fees

Rae Ann Palmer said the Town revisited the fees for non-profit organizations to distinguish between those events that offered wine free of charge and those that sold alcohol at an event. Paul Wisotzky considered charging the first license for non-profits at a 50% discount and subsequent licenses at a 75% discount. Maureen Burgess and Robert Weinstein expressed their support for this idea.

Paul Wisotzky moved to set the seasonal licenses for non-profits offering alcohol for free at a rate with a 50% discount in the instance of the first event and a 75% discount for each subsequent event for one-day all alcohol, one-day wine and malt, one-day wine only and the one-day entertainment licenses. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment Policy

Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark introduced the Selectmen's Public Comment Policy. She said Selectperson Worthington had suggested the policy, which Town Council had reviewed. Ms. Worthington asked about having a process of who is allowed to request the public comment period at a meeting and how a request is made. Janet Worthington wanted the policy to address situations when the public expressed interest in being included in discussion, particularly in Rae Ann Palmer suggested including a public question and answer period in the process of hiring candidates. Janet Worthington suggested tabling the policy. Paul Wisotzky said that work sessions, which do not accept public comment, should also be noted in the policy.

Paul Wisotzky moved to table Select Board Policy #63 Selectmen's Public Comment Policy. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Intermunicipal Agreement with Wellfleet on Herring River Restoration Project

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer explained the intermunicipal agreement with Wellfleet, which removes Truro from being a project partner, although Truro supports the environmental benefits of the project which is taking place in Wellfleet. Truro is an abutter, but not a project owner. Town Counsel and Ms. Palmer agreed this would remove liability from the Town of Truro. The agreement is being presented to the Wellfleet Select Board. Both Towns will work with the National Seashore to amend the Herring River Executive Council. Chair Weinstein said that the project has been redefined since the original plan. He had sought language change because of this and because he did not want Truro to be encumbered with finances and liability for the project. The MOU III will be revisited, he said.

Paul Wisotzky moved to approve the Intermunicipal Herring River Restoration Project Agreement with the Town of Wellfleet. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:
 - 1. Curb Cut Application for Jeffrey Katz, 32 Castle Road
 - 2. Curb Cut Application for Chris Costa, 14 North Pamet Road
 - 3. Event Notification form for Harbor to the Bay Bike Ride
- B. Review and Approve Entertainment Licenses and One Day Alcohol Licenses for Truro Historical Society
- C. Review and Approve Appointment of Meg Royka to the Charter Review Committee
- D. Review and sign letter supporting House Bill #3927 Regarding Pesticides
- E. Review and Approve Selectmen Minutes: May 9, 2018, May 22, 2018 and June 5, 2018 (Work Session)

Janet Worthington amended the minutes for May 22, 2018 to include comments she had made. Maureen Burgess discussed the letter which she had submitted in support of House Bill #3927. Paul Wisotzky moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

SELECTMEN REPORTS AND TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Kristen Reed said she had attended an Eastham CPC plan update led by J. M. Bolton Company, impressive because of the level of public engagement in the interactive presentation. She said she had obtained valuable information at a meeting for newly elected Select Board members at a meeting of the MSA. She learned at a meeting of the COA board that the new van was in use, and she said that the Recycling Committee was initiating a collaborative effort with Wellfleet on food waste and composting.

Maureen Burgess reported that she had kept Selectmen's Hours at Savory and at the Farmer's Market, and she had attended a Historical Commission meeting.

Paul Wisotzky reported progress by the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee. He had kept Selectmen's Hours at Savory, and he announced a program called Truro Connection, which he and Kristen Reed will be participating in along with members from several different town organizations. He offered thanks for the improved audio-visual equipment in the Selectmen's Chambers

Robert Weinstein said he had been questioned about deteriorating infrastructure within the National Seashore. He asked that Maureen Burgess, as representative to the Seashore Advisory Committee, to inquire about this.

During her Selectmen's Hours, Janet Worthington had received inquiries about contact information for Sally's Way housing and Affordable Dwelling Units (ADUs). She

recommended including both on the Town website. She said she had also received complaints about Ballston Beach and about bike events, specifically Ragnar. Rae Ann Palmer discussed keeping bike events on Route 6 and saying no to Ragnar next year. Ms. Worthington also brought up an issue of the restrictive deed covenants at Great Hollow Beach, which could prevent the proposed beach extension from happening. Rae Ann Palmer said Town Counsel has been studying this, and the Conservation Trust is working on a resolution. Another complication, however, entails the Trust's help in maintaining Kill Devil Rd.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer mentioned the new COA van, reported that the RFP for the Cloverleaf property was being reviewed by Town Counsel, and said that the Town will be checking on properties eligible for the Residential Tax Exemption in anticipation of the next tax classification hearing.

NEXT MEETING

Rae Ann Palmer reviewed agenda items for the June 26, 2018 meeting. There will be an executive Session at 4:30 p.m. followed by the public hearing for the Goals & Objectives at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

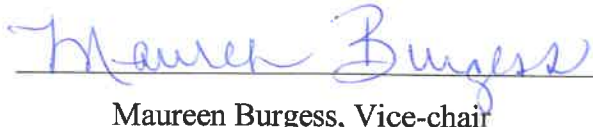
Paul Wisotzky moved to adjourn. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Rogers, Secretary



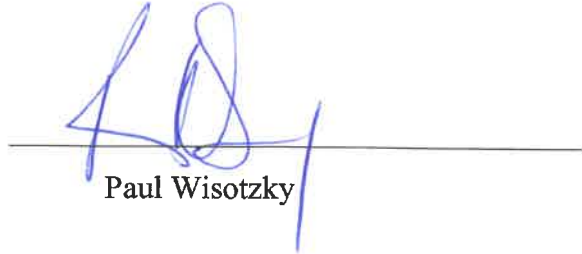
Robert Weinstein, Chair



Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair



Kristen Reed



Paul Wisotzky



Janet Worthington, Clerk

Public Records Material for the Meeting of 6/12/18

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2. Selectmen's draft Goals & Objectives
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