

**Truro Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2018
Truro Town Hall**

Select Board Members 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 called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He and Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer thanked the two women who responded immediately, Kirsten Peter Lightner and Molly Tobin, and all those involved in the rescue of the shark bite victim at Longnook Beach. Ms. Palmer called all Fire and Police personnel forward for acknowledgement of their role in the rescue.

Rae Ann Palmer announced that the After School Program had been staffed by two people. The School is working on a long-term plan for the program. Chair Weinstein commended the program and expressed his interest in seeing it continue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristen Roberts had ideas about additional advertising for positions in the future.

Stacey Rogers offered support for the After School Program in the form a petition from 185 people to the Board of Selectmen.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Peter Graham explained his background and interest in serving on the Water Resources Oversight Committee. He is a member of the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board.

Paul Wisotzky moved to approve the appointment of Peter Graham to the Water Resources Oversight Committee to fill an unexpired term which will end on June 30, 2019. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Discussion of Recent Shark Activity

Dr. Greg Skomal of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, at the request of Janet Worthington, gave a presentation on sharks. He, with the help of his assistant Megan Winton, had prepared slides offering an overview of shark activity on the Outer Cape, and specifically Truro. He explained their tagging and counting program, shark identification, size, gender and great white locations in 2018. Acoustic technology gives the scientists the most information about where sharks spend their time. Pings from the tags are picked up by receivers when a shark is within 100 feet. A slide, depicting receivers around the Cape and in Cape Cod Bay, showed that there are gaps along Truro and Provincetown. Areas with an abundance of grey seals show a large number of acoustic detections of sharks. Sharks are seasonal, unlike the seals that are year-round. Sharks spend a lot of their time in close to the shoreline, taking advantage of where seals feed. Their activity coincides with peak use of water by humans.

Dr. Skomal's responses to questions and observations from the Board of Selectmen added further insights. There are places in the world that allow limited seal takes although seals are a protected species. It's likely that a seal population will rebound after being culled. Dr. Skomal has observed the large number of seals at Head of the Meadow Beach in Truro. Shark safety precautions include signage, education, beach closings, and communications. Behavior of the victims who have been attacked is another factor to consider. Dr. Skomal said other parts of world use netting, balloon technology and drones as additional safety measures. Great white sharks are spread out more in California, he said. Dr. Skomal's detection data shows the activity including Wellfleet Harbor. Sharks are targeting bass in Cape Cod Bay. The dead shark at the mouth of the Pamet had most likely been stranded while hunting in that area. Dr. Skomal said he was open to partnering with fishermen and lobstermen to get more acoustical arrays off the Truro coast. He is willing to share his data on the Town website.

Chair Weinstein stressed the importance of getting adequate cell phone coverage everywhere in Truro. Kristen Reed had information of a beach goer's attempts to call 911 the day of the shark attack.

Members of the public, Ron Fichtner, Kristen Roberts and Jackson Dutra, asked additional questions which Dr. Skomal addressed. Great white sharks live for around 70 years. They come back to the Northeast every year. Bigger, more aggressive sharks would be their predators. Sharks are not looking for us; they're looking for seals. Dr. Skomal said where there is high seal activity, their scent is going to move downstream and sharks will find them. Don't put yourself in that space. A good caveat is: If you see seals, don't swim there. Kristen Reed asked Dr. Skomal if he would swim here. He said he would, but he would not go out very far. Dr. Skomal said he would like to partner with the Center for Coastal Studies to intensify shark study. He said acoustic receivers pick up signals in a range of around 100 feet and are set in around 25 feet of water, depending upon the town. Not all sharks are tagged, but the receivers are linked to satellite and appear on the Sharktivity App.

Beach Director Damion Clements said Truro beaches all have signage about sharks. Pamphlets are given out about the ocean beaches. Paul Wisotzky asked that people not steal the signs. Dr. Skomal said he welcomes phone calls at his office anytime. He appreciates support from Truro.

Opening the Warrant for 2018 Special Town Meeting

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer read the requirements for opening and posting the Warrant for Special Town Meeting to be held on September 26, 2018. Chair Weinstein suggested moving the date of Special Town Meeting because there is still much work on the zoning bylaws planned for the Warrant. Rae Ann Palmer updated the Selectmen on the Planning Board hearings on the cannabis bylaw. She said they are not ready. She agreed that Special Town Meeting could be postponed in order to prepare the bylaws thoroughly for the Warrant. November would be a suitable time for the Special Town Meeting, she said.

Paul Wisotzky moved to postpone the Special Town Meeting to a date in early November 2018. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Warrant Articles

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer suggested tabling the Warrant Article Review since the Special Town Meeting had been postponed. Paul Wisotzky moved to table the review of the Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting Date Calendar

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said the proposed calendar for 2019 followed the annual pattern of meetings and work sessions. She pointed out a November date close to Thanksgiving that was moved. The Budget Task Force meetings would begin in December, she said.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting dates for calendar year 2019 as amended. Paul Wisotzky seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Intermunicipal Agreement with Outer Cape Towns

Rae Ann Palmer said the memorandum was the same as the one Truro had signed with Provincetown. This agreement would provide more collaboration among the four towns of Eastham, Wellfleet, Provincetown and Truro. Chair Weinstein called attention to Mass General Law references and the language used in two instances in the agreement. He suggested that these be changed to reflect the Selectmen's role as the executive officers of the Town. Another change needed was clarification that operational decisions be made by the Town Manager, and policy decisions be made by the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Wisotzky moved to table the four town inter-municipal agreement with Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet and Eastham until Town Counsel reviews the amendments and revises the agreement as soon as possible. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:
 - 1. One Day Alcohol License for Pamet Harbor Yacht Club September 1st
 - 2. One Day Entertainment and Wine and Malt Alcohol License for Fitzroy Hall at Outer Reach Resort September 8th
- B. Review and Approve Reappointment to: Jarrod Cabral, DPW Director – Forest Warden
- C. Review and Approve Reappointment to: Tracey Rose – Truro Representative to the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board
- D. Review and Approve National Suicide Prevention Week Proclamation
- E. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes: August 9, 2018 and August 14, 2018

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

SELECTMEN REPORTS AND TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Janet Worthington apologized for missing her Selectmen Hours. She thanked the Harbor crew for their summer help to the public. She noted with sadness the passing of Ed Perry, the North Truro postmaster for many years, a Fire and Rescue volunteer, and the father of retired police officer David Perry.

Kristen Reed asked about a letter from Recreation that was sent to be read into record. The Town Manager said the letter had been withdrawn because it had not been approved at a Recreation meeting. Ms. Reed said she'd be interested in a presentation on seals to complement the shark presentation by Dr. Skomal. She repeated information about a friend's unsuccessful attempts to reach 911 the day of the shark attack at Longnook Beach.

Chair Weinstein said he had attended the Planning Board meeting pertaining the marijuana bylaws. He thanked the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark for their assistance in preparing the presentation. He asked what convergence of thought the Planning Board, the Ad Hoc Committee and the attorney for High Dune collaborative have reached on the marijuana bylaws. He complimented Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer on handling the After School Program that has now been resolved in a relatively short period of time.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer commented on the After School Program and the commitment the Town has with the School to keep the offering sustainable. She clarified that the intent of the Ad Hoc Marijuana Committee was to give policy direction to the Town Planner. Town Counsel reviewed the bylaw as compiled by the Town Planner. The Planning Board is now trying to incorporate suggestions from High Dune Collaborative, she said.

Kelly Clark gave an update on the Truro Treasures End of Season party. There will be music, dancing, picnicking, food trucks, and a bonfire on September 22 at Corn Hill Beach, she said.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Three Selectmen offered their comments. Janet Worthington said the extra time before Special Town Meeting offers an opportunity to clear up many questions that need to be answered. Maureen Burgess commended Martha Wheeler and Fire Chief Tim Collins for their impressive response to the shark attack. She gave more thanks to all involved. She asked about preparations for the Ag Fair, which Ms. Palmer said were underway. Kristen Reed echoed Janet Worthington's comments that more people should come forward with their questions and comments on the cannabis bylaws.

NEXT MEETING

Rae Ann Palmer reviewed agenda items for the Tuesday, September 11, 2018: the Tax Classification Hearing (tentative); year-round condo conversion process, entertainment licenses, expansion of water service, and reappointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Wisotzky moved to adjourn. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

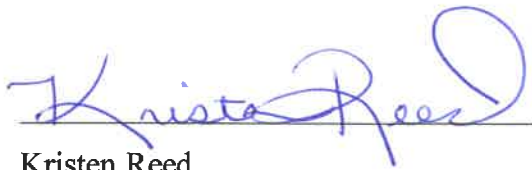

Mary Rogers, Secretary



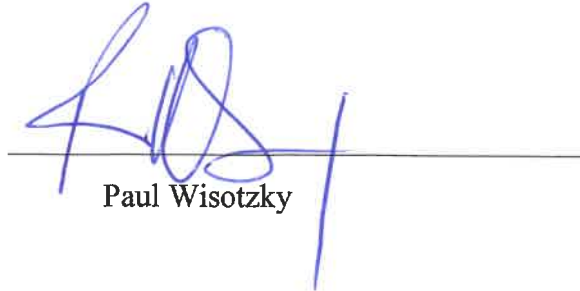
Robert Weinstein, Chair



Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair



Kristen Reed



Paul Wisotzky



Janet Worthington, Clerk

Public Records Material of 8/28/18

- 1) Peter Graham's application papers for Water Resources Oversight Committee
- 2) Warrant Articles for 2018 Special Town Meeting
- 3) Intermunicipal Agreement with Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet and Eastham
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