

**Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Selectmen's Chambers Town Hall  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

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

**Present:** Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer

Chair Paul Wisotzky opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward for Public Comment, but Paul Wisotzky read into record two e-mails as requested by their senders. The first e-mail from Joann Barkin to Janet Worthington criticized a discussion that took place at the December 13, 2016 Board of Selectmen's meeting without the presence of the person it concerned. The second e-mail was from John Marksbury to Paul Wisotzky. Mr. Marksbury indicated his willingness to work with Town officials in crafting a town-wide zoning bylaw for house size limitations.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION**

***Discussion: Board of Selectmen Comments***

Paul Wisotzky opened a discussion of adding a *Selectmen's Comments* portion to meetings. This would be an appropriate time for Selectmen to express their concerns that fall outside of their regular reports. Janet Worthington will help him develop a policy for a *Comments* portion for meetings.

***Local Comprehensive Plan Committee Update***

Chair Wisotzky checked on progress in finding members for the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee (LCPC). Maureen Burgess said she had one commitment. Jay Coburn had an interested candidate, a Truro native with a business in Truro, but he no longer lives here. There was discussion about having a non-resident on the LCPC. That will be determined when the Committee membership is further shaped. Robert Weinstein said he is waiting to hear from two people and has contact with one very interested candidate. Paul Wisotzky said he had one interested party of the three people he had contacted. LCPC membership will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

***Disclosure by a Special Municipal Employee of Financial Interest in a Municipal Contract***

*Jay Coburn recused himself from the discussion and left the room.*

Paul Wisotzky explained the need to approve an exemption by the Board of Selectmen for Jay Coburn's disclosure as a special municipal employee that has a financial interest in a municipal contract. This is required by Mass General Law, Chapter 268A §20(d). Selectman Coburn, Executive Director of the Community Development Partnership (CDP), is disclosing a financial interest with a CDP contract for Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation Programs in Truro, Wellfleet and Provincetown, Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer further explained. Mr. Coburn had made his full disclosure of financial interest and asked to receive a written acceptance from the Board of Selectmen.

Robert Weinstein moved to approve the Chapter 268A §20(d) exemption filed with the Town by Board of Selectmen member, Jay Coburn. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

*Jay Coburn returned to the table.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: *None*;
- B. Review and Approve Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 2016 Annual Report;
- C. Review and Approve Addendum to the Access Agreement by and between the Town of Truro and Lower Cape Community Access Television Inc. (LCCAT); and
- D. Review and Approve Regular Board of Selectmen Minutes – December 13, 2016, December 20, 2016.

Robert Weinstein wanted to know why items O and P on page 6 of the in the Access Agreement by and between the Town and LCCAT had been deleted. Rae Ann Palmer said they had previously been deleted by amendment. Ms. Palmer said that LCCAT is willing to come to a future Board of Selectmen's meeting.

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

**SELECTMEN AND LIAISON AND TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

Everyone one gave reports. Jay Coburn announced with the regret the resignation of John Hopkins from the Planning Board. Mr. Coburn said he will help with arrange a joint meeting with the Planning Board to consider new applicants for the vacancy. He also gave sad news that Norm Edinberg had recently passed away at age 92. Janet Worthington reported on a Shellfish Committee, who will be preparing a "White Paper" for the Selectmen about a home rule petition they would like to initiate. The Committee had prepared a pamphlet of *Frequently Asked Questions*, she said. There is a parcel of land on Shore Rd. that the Shellfish Committee is interested in having the Town acquire. Ms. Worthington said she misses getting the Police and Fire reports that the Selectmen used to receive. Jay Coburn added that other department reports would be welcomed. She also would like to be introduced to new Fire and Police staff. Paul Wisotzky reported on the Budget Task Force sessions so far. He said some of the Budget issues would be coming before the Board of Selectmen. He, Rae Ann Palmer and Robert Weinstein had attended their first Herring River Restoration Executive Meeting in Wellfleet. He said there is a survey on the Town website on visioning for the Police Chief. Maureen Burgess described the rescued dolphin release at Corn Hill. She invited anyone interested in helping with IFAW rescues to contact her for more information. Robert Weinstein discussed the Budget Task Force meetings, which have been going well. He encouraged the public to attend the next Herring River Executive Meeting on March 9, 2017. Paul Wisotzky thanked the DPW for the snow removal efforts, which had been praised by a citizen he encountered after the storm. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer suggested inviting the Police to a Selectmen's meeting. The tide gauges are now installed in the Pamet River, she said.

**AGENDAS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Rae Ann Palmer said the Work Session on January 17, 2017 included meeting with the Police Command Staff, parking, and a policy for Selectmen's Comments as a part of meetings. Ms. Palmer and the Board planned items for the January 24, 2017 meeting: the vote to open the Warrant for 2017 Town Meeting, one appointment, a potential parking request, the quarterly update of Selectmen's Goals and an update of Committee charges.


**ADJOURNMENT**

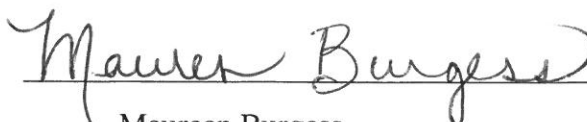
Robert Weinstein moved to adjourn. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.


The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

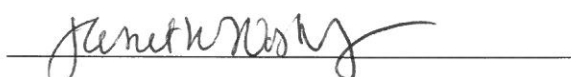
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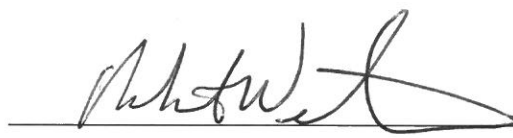
  
Mary Rogers, Secretary

  
Paul Wisotzky, Chair

  
Maureen Burgess

  
Jay Coburn, Clerk

  
Janet Worthington, Vice-chair

  
Robert Weinstein

**Public Records Materials of 1/10/17**

1. Jay Coburn's Chapter 268A §20(d) disclosure
2. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 2016 Annual Report
3. Access Agreement by and between the Town of Truro and Lower Cape Community Access Television Inc. (LCCAT)