

**Pre-Town Meeting
Truro Community Center
April 10, 2018**

Present: Town Moderator Monica Kraft; Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Town Accountant Trudi Brazil; Town Counsel John Giorgio

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

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

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

Finance Committee Budget Hearing

Finance Committee Chair Robert Panessiti introduced the members of the Finance Committee and explained their role in Budget preparation. He discussed: appropriation of Free Cash at Annual Town Meeting; the increase in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget; OPEB; Police Department requirements; increased percentages for building maintenance; keeping the tax rate manageable; expenditures; services provided; prioritizing Capital needs; and sources of revenue. He thanked Town Accountant Trudi Brazil for her help in preparing a strong and sound Budget for 2019. The Budget Task Force meetings were videotaped this year and available for viewing on the Town website.

Candidates

Board of Selectmen

John Dundas gave his personal and Truro background and his interest in becoming a member of the Board of Selectmen. He said he was interested in housing, law and order, and safety.

Gary Palmer, a former Selectman, Charter Review Committee member, and Board of Health Chair, expressed his interest in water resources and restaurant sanitation courses. He reviewed his role in developing the Local Comprehensive Plan and his work as a Selectman on the Provincetown well area in Truro.

Kristen Reed introduced herself and the jobs she has held in Truro. She contrasted the summer and winter times in Truro. She discussed environmental concerns and opportunities in agriculture and aquaculture as well as other business opportunities for the Town.

Janet Worthington, incumbent on the Board of Selectmen, said she would like to continue serving on the Board. She reviewed her background of service to the Town. She considers communication was one of the big challenges for members of the Board, and she addressed the need for housing solutions for the workforce and for the elderly. Storm preparedness for a big event is very important, she said. She promised to represent everyone in the town.

School Committee

Dennis Clark said he recently had become involved in the Truro Central School and is interested in being more so by becoming a member of the School Committee.

Library

Keith Althaus, a current Trustee of the Library, said he was running again and asked for voter support. He encouraged everyone to promote the wonderful Truro Public Library

Sally Brotman, a current Trustee, also extolled the five-star rating of the Library. She noted the good attendance at Library programs and the excellent work done by the small staff.

Housing Authority

Mary Rose said she was running again for a five-year term on the Housing Authority. She serves as the Housing representative member to the Community Preservation Committee.

Cemetery Commission

Robert Masson, currently on the Cemetery Commission, gave some facts about the cemeteries in Truro. He said there is still burial capacity for two hundred years.

Planning Board

Bruce Boleyn said he was running for reelection to the Planning Board. He has been a member for the past five years.

Warrant Articles

Ms. Kraft suggested that the audience ask questions about the Warrant Articles they wanted to discuss.

Petitioned Article 22 – Not Using Town Funds for Federal Immigration Laws

Melissa Yeaw explained the grass roots attempt to make Truro a Safe Community. She said that the Article is a non-binding resolution to refrain from financing use of our Police Force to hunt illegal immigrants.

Article 17 – Condo Conversion

Sally Brotman asked for the Selectmen candidate's positions on the bylaw to allow conversion of condominiums, cottage colonies, motels, and hotels to year-round dwelling units. All four candidates supported the Article.

Article 21 – Moratorium on Marijuana Establishments

Tim McCarthy requested that the Selectmen candidates express their positions on Article 21. Three of the candidates said they supported the moratorium on marijuana establishments so that thoughtful bylaws could be written, but Kristen Reed said she was against the moratorium. Medical marijuana is already here, she said. There are strict state rules and regulations in place.

Article 17 – Condo Conversion Bylaws Revisited

Michael Forgione returned to Article 17 to discuss the impact of condominium conversion on Shore Rd. and ask who would be bearing the cost for water and wastewater lines. Paul Wisotzky said the water system is already on Shore Rd. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said Truro has been in discussion with Provincetown about a possible sewer line, but that would have to be brought to a future Town Meeting. Jay Coburn discussed the cost to condominium owners to do conversions, which make them unlikely. Richard Wood discussed the typical Shore Rd. condo in terms of the steps that would be needed for conversion. Roberta Lema gave background on condominium use in the past.

Paul Kiernan gave information on the number of condominiums and current year-round homes. He had calculated possible increase in population that could happen. Breon Dunigan said she supported the conversion bylaw as it is now being presented. Robert Weinstein commented on the location of condos throughout the community. He said any conversions, especially on Beach Point, would require that old cesspools be upgraded, a positive.

Article 14 – Acquisition of Portion of South Hollow Rd.

Gerard Kinahan asked the Selectmen if the discontinued piece of South Hollow Rd. was to be used as a parking lot. He did not support a parking lot in this neighborhood. Paul Wisotzky said the Article is to accept the property. Use of the area as parking is a possibility, but that would be a future decision. The Town Manager said the state DOT had determined that the road was to be discontinued.

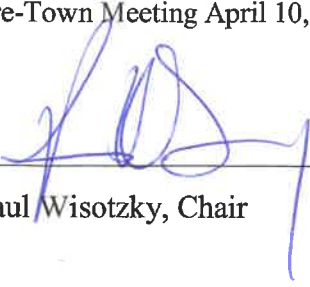
The Town Moderator closed the meeting with the consensus of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

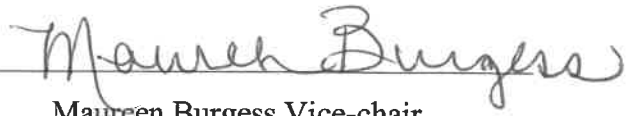
Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers
Recording Secretary

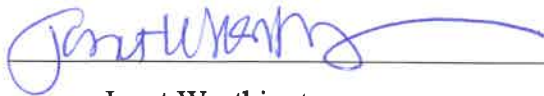


Paul Wisotzky, Chair



Maureen Burgess Vice-chair

Jay Coburn



Janet Worthington



Robert Weinstein, Clerk