

**Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Truro Public Safety Facility  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

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

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

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Cox asked about the parking proposal for the section of South Hollow Rd. which is going to be closed by the state DOT. There will be a Warrant Article on the this at Annual Town Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Paul Wisotzky announced that the meeting would pause at 5:30 p.m. to observe a moment of silence for fallen Yarmouth police officer Sean Gannon.

**PART-TIME RESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS**

The Selectmen began the phone interviews for the four remaining candidates for the Part-time Residents Advisory Committee.

Stuart Winneg explained his interest in becoming a member of the Part-time Resident's Advisory Committee, his love of Truro, and willingness to be involved in the town. He answered questions from the Board on his main interests: conservation of Truro's natural beauty, his ability to participate in meetings, and improvements in communications between full-time and part-time residents. He asked the Selectmen about anticipated time commitments and their expectations for the new committee. He gave his background as an attorney.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS ON AGENDA**

The Board agreed to re-order the agenda to accommodate the interviews and the planned moment of silence.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: None
- B. Review and Approve 2018 Seasonal Licenses: Jules Besch Stationers (Transient Vendor)
- C. Review and Approve Access Easement Deed for 10 Edgewood Way
- D. Review and Approve Appointment of Amber Ketler to Recycling Committee from Alternate to Full-time Member
- E. Review and Approve Appointment of Cally Harper to Barnstable County HOME Consortium
- F. Review and Release Executive Session Minutes

G. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes: March 27, 2018

Paul Wisotzky amended the minutes of March 27, 2018, explaining he had recused himself from deliberations on Edgewood Farm.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the amended minutes. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD ACTION: DISCUSSION OF POLICE CHIEF INTERVIEW PROCESS**

Rae Ann Palmer outlined the interview process for Police Chief candidates beginning on May 2, 2018. Board members offered topics to be included for the interviews and thanked the Search Committee for their work.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In solidarity with towns throughout the Cape at 5:30, Janet Worthington conducted the moment of silence to honor the memory of Sean Gannon, slain in the line of duty last week. On duty members of the Truro Police and Fire Departments joined the meeting for the moment of silence.

**PART-TIME RESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS (CONT.)**

The Selectmen resumed the telephone interviews with David Grimason. He said he plans to be spending more time in Truro. In response to questions from the Board, he gave his concerns about: beach parking; Rte. 6 safety in summer; promoting more retail businesses; affordable housing; availability to serve on the committee; and his experience on other committees. He explained his work in the energy field. He recommended good communications between part-time, full-time residents and Town government. He asked about expectations for the new committee and how the Part-Time Residents Tax Payers Committee fit into the picture.

The next candidate to be interviewed was David Sawicki. He stated his interest in becoming a member of the committee and outlined his areas of concern. He said he has experience with policy making. He discussed his connections with other residents, part-time and full-time. He said he has been watching Truro meetings on the website to keep up with Town matters. He commented upon how poorly people are informed about Town business. He recommended allowing remote participation, but Chair Wisotzky explained regulations that still require a quorum to be physically present for meetings of Town boards. Mr. Sawicki addressed issues of sustainability, affordable housing, regional challenges, and innovative transportation solutions. He discussed the Open Meeting concerns he had for the committee.

Carol O'Flaherty was the final candidate to be interviewed. She expressed her interest in serving on the committee and her history with Truro. Answering the Selectmen's questions, she enumerated her concerns and times of availability to attend meetings, jobs as a priority, inclusion of all home owners, communications between Town government and Truro citizens. She recommended having ambassadors in charge of getting information to part-time residents; more meetings with the non-residents and the importance of disseminating accurate information.

**PART-TIME RESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

*Janet Worthington disclosed that applicant Mary Worthington is her sister.*

Having concluded the interviews, members of the Board of Selectmen reviewed the 11 applicants for appointment to the Part-time Resident's Advisory Committee: David Grimson, David Sawicki, Carol O'Flaherty, Stuart Winneg, Jean Krulic, Ira Joseph, Mary Worthington, Ron Fichtner, Anne Greenbaum, Julia Lester, and Lawrence Pisapio. They deliberated on creating the best combination of members for the new committee, giving consideration to diversity and availability. Each Selectmen offered his or her choices of seven names. Five candidates appeared on everyone's list.

Jay Coburn moved to appoint David Sawicki, Lawrence Pisapio, Mary Worthington, Jean Krulic, and Carol O'Flaherty to the Part-time Residents Advisory Committee. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Selectmen had further favorable discussion on David Grimson and Ira Joseph.

Jay Coburn moved to appoint Ira Joseph. Maureen Burgess seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Jay Coburn moved to appoint David Grimson. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 4-1.

David Sawicki, Lawrence Pisapio, Mary Worthington, Jean Krulic, Carol O'Flaherty, Ira Joseph and David Grimson will be notified of their appointments, and the other candidates will be informed of the decision.

**BOARD ACTION****Town Meeting Motion Assignments**

Rae Ann Palmer asked that the Board decide who would making motions at Town Meeting with provision for giving the follow-up introductions to Warrant Articles involved with policies. Maureen Burgess said she had a preference to introduce the Moratorium, but learned it is to be introduced by the Planning Board. Working their way backwards through the Warrant Articles, the Town Manager and the Board determined who would be doing the motions and introductions.

At Article 14, there was discussion. Maureen Burgess suggested tabling the Article another Town Meeting since there was an Open Meeting Law complaint outstanding and the parking component was stated. Janet Worthington also had reservations because it the parking issue is built into it. Tabling would allow time for more public discussion. Jay Coburn said the Warrant question was simply to accept the land for a future municipal use. He said the Town should exercise its option to obtain the land. The Article may be amended at Town Meeting.

Jay Coburn moved that the Town Manager, with the assistance of Town Counsel, prepare an amendment for Article 14 to state the land would be acquired for municipal purposes. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

### **Discussion of Open Meeting Law Complaint**

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said that the Town had received an Open Meeting Law complaint for the meetings of February 20, 2018 and February 27, 2018. She has asked Town Counsel to prepare a response.

Jay Coburn moved to allow Town Counsel to respond. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

### **SPECIAL FAREWELL COMMENTS**

Paul Wisotzky announced that this was Jay Coburn's last regular meeting with the Board. Chair Wisotzky related his personal history with Jay Coburn. He commended Jay's legacy on affordable housing issues as well as small business efforts in Truro. Mr. Wisotzky thanked him for his participation on the Board of Selectmen, as member and Chair, keeping them focused and on track with their goals and objectives.

Everyone added their well wishes and thanks. Janet Worthington said she would miss arguing with Jay. She said he has always been a great mentor, and she respects his passion and determination. Maureen Burgess thanked Jay for his six years on the Board, including his time as Chair. She wished him success in the future, especially in his work on affordable housing.

Robert Weinstein said Jay was "the annoyance of a good example." This was a reference to the time Jay defeated when they had both run for a Selectman's position. Mr. Weinstein thanked him for shepherding the Town through the sudden loss of the former Town Administer and helping the Town choose Ms. Palmer as his successor. Rae Ann Palmer recalled when their relationship began and thanked Jay for his role in hiring her and making her more informed on affordable housing issues. She said she appreciated him even when he presented her with opposition. She appreciated his goals and objectives updates. She said she will miss him but will always call him "friend."

Jay Coburn gave his own farewell and offered his personal thoughts on what an honor and privilege it has been to serve the Town. He said he has always been interested in politics, and he has been proud to serve as an openly gay Selectmen. He said he had learned much by doing this for the past six years. He commented on the participatory nature of government at the Town level and made a plea for people to get more involved in working for change, yet control the changes to keep the Town's character.

### **SELECTMEN REPORTS**

Robert Weinstein said he and Paul Wisotzky had attended the meeting of the Barnstable County Selectmen's Association, which featured two topics: affordable housing and the repairs on the

Sagamore Bridge. Mr. Weinstein encouraged people to seek more information on canal area and transportation improvements at the Cape Cod Commission's website. Another meeting he attended was about the cannabis business, which mainly turned into an effort to defeat the moratorium at Town Meeting.

Paul Wisotzky said he, Representative Sarah Peake and Dave DeWitt were on the *Point* with Mindy Todd, discussing the marijuana moratorium. This can be viewed online. He thanked staff and the Town Moderator for the Pre-Town Meeting held last week. He encouraged everyone to come to Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Maureen Burgess reported on a meeting of the Historical Commission, concerned with a demolition request for historic house on Atwood Road; an effort to create two historic districts; and the Musnuff house. She had also sat in on an *ad hoc* committee of the Planning Board and citizens on zoning for house size. She had been to the newly created *ad hoc* committee charged with developing bylaws for marijuana enterprises. She reported on the informational meeting presented by a number of cannabis groups at the Library.

Janet Worthington said she had attended the *ad hoc* committee meeting on marijuana bylaws. She recommended that people come to Town Meeting to become more informed about the need for a moratorium.

Rae Ann Palmer said that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) had approved the Truro Housing Production plan. She thanked Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe, DPW Director Jarrod Cabral and Mark Adams from the Seashore for their help with the Musnuff house at Ballston Beach. Its shed, the original lifesaving station horse barn, will be preserved at Edgewood Farm.

#### **NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Rae Ann Palmer reviewed agenda for the next meeting Wednesday, May 9, 2018: organization of the new Board, assignments for the liaison list, Goals & Objectives update, starting new Goals & Objectives, and a pinning ceremony for two new Firefighters.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**



Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers,  
Secretary

  
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Paul Wisotzky, Chair  
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Maureen Burgess Vice-chair

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Jay Coburn

  
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Robert Weinstein, Clerk

**Public Records Materials of 4/17/18**

1. Application papers for all candidates for the Part-Time Residents Advisory Committee:  
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