

**Truro Select Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 24, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Claire Perry expressed concerns about the Little Pamet and its clapper valve as presented in the *Preliminary Ecological Assessment of the Lower Pamet River Valley* done by Association to Preserve Cape Cod. She distributed material which she had prepared on the Little Pamet in the hopes that the Select Board would make it a future agenda item.

David Sawicki of the Part-Time Residents Advisory Committee (PTRAC) commented on the agenda item to discuss the Part-Time Residents Annual Meeting. He read a statement from the PTRAC president about including the Resident Tax Exemption (RTE) in the agenda for the annual meeting.

David Still, Cape Cod Commission Communications Coordinator, extended an invitation to the Board, Town Manager and interested public for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual One Cape Summit on August 15 and 16, 2018.

David Dewitt of the Cannabis Coalition read an e-mail from their attorney regarding their concerns regarding the draft marijuana bylaw. He offered to forward an electronic version with their comments for inclusion in agenda for the Planning Board hearing.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Michael Holt came forward to explain his interest in becoming a member of the Truro Concert Committee. He is a musician and has experience in organizing concerts and music festivals.

Paul Wisotzky moved to approve the appointment of Michael Holt to the Truro Concert Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION**

***Community Center as Emergency Shelter***

Carol Nickerson had sent a letter about use of the Community Center as an emergency shelter that allows pets. Rae Ann Palmer reviewed the suggestion, and Emergency Management Director Fire Chief Tim Collins gave more information on the feasibility of opening a Town shelter. There are requirements that the regional shelters are able to meet, but having an EMT and a police officer present at a Town shelter might not be possible, he said. Ms. Palmer said it was still worth looking into a Truro shelter. Chief Collins said the Public Safety Facility is open

to the public as a warming station in winter and a cooling station in summer. Rae Ann Palmer said that Truro would need to further study whether the Provincetown shelter would still be available if the Town opened its own shelter. Carol Nickerson said the original plan for the Community Center was to have it available as an emergency shelter. Chair Weinstein said the Board would like to include her in planning. The rest of the Board was in unanimous support for investigation the proposal, noting inclusion in the budget and consideration of Red Cross food requirements.

### ***Alert Truro***

Fire Chief Tim Collins explained features of Alert Truro, the emergency notification system that is now in place. Besides emergencies, the system does notifications for Town events. He presented a video on the features of Alert Truro. Sign up is available on the Town website. Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark demonstrated how to sign on. Ms. Palmer said sign-up help is available at Town Hall and at the COA. Landline phones, cell phones and e-mail all connect to Alert Truro. Chair Weinstein asked about notifications for those who have no access to any of these. Chief Collins said there is a list of those who need pro-active notices and help. The Chief anticipates getting the program running before the end of summer. Eighty-four people are already signed up. The system does not replace 9-1-1 in an emergency.

### ***Zoning Bylaw Amendment Referrals***

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer reviewed the zoning bylaw process. By statutory requirements, two bylaws needed to be referred back to the Planning Board for a public hearing: a draft Marijuana Bylaw and a draft House Size Bylaw. The Cannabis Bylaw hearing was advertised for a public hearing to be held in Selectmen's Chambers at Town Hall on July 25, 2018. It will be opened there but immediately moved to the Community Center to accommodate an anticipated large audience. The House Size Bylaw will be advertised for a public hearing in mid-August.

Paul Wisotzky moved to refer the Adult Cannabis Establishment Bylaw and the Area and Height Regulations Bylaw to the Planning Board for a public hearing. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

### ***Annual Part-Time Residents Meeting Agenda***

Rae Ann Palmer said the Annual Part-Time Residents Meeting had been scheduled for August 9, 2018. The Local Comprehensive Planning Committee is interested in the part-time residents input for the Local Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Palmer suggested that the meeting focus on getting this information and be led by a facilitator. Paul Wisotzky, representative to the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee, said this was the best opportunity to gather the information from part-time residents. He said an update on the Residential Tax Exemption (RTE) could be included in the meeting.

Julie Dupree asked if there was an available draft Local Comprehensive Plan. The 2005 Plan is the only document in place at this time. David Sawicki returned to discuss the lack on consultation with the Part-Time Residents Advisory Committee. He said that the Residential Tax Exemption is still of importance to the part time residents. He said that no one had contacted the PTRAC about the agenda. Mr. Sawicki said the PTRAC members were working

on questions about the tax plan. Janet Worthington asked about expanding topics beyond the RTE. Rae Ann Palmer said she had not given the Part-Time Residents Advisory Committee any topics. Ann Greenbaum came forward to explain that its chair had not requested input from Ms. Palmer. Chair Weinstein said the intent was to include Town staff and Selectmen in PTRAC discussions. Mr. Sawicki assured the Select Board that the Committee did not want to get off to a negative start. RTE, alternative tax plans, the upcoming bylaws on house size and cannabis were topics they want to discuss.

Mr. Sawicki said PTRAC will be meeting on July 30, 2018 to develop questions on the RTE. The Town Manager will not be able to attend that meeting; however, Maureen Burgess will attend. Chair Weinstein commented on miscommunications. Having two part-time residents' groups may have contributed to this, he said. Mr. Sawicki suggested a post card survey on RTE. Paul Wisotzky said the Tax Classification Hearing is the appropriate time to update RTE information. He stressed that the Board of Selectmen are open to discussion. Mr. Sawicki reiterated that the Selectmen had not consulted the PTRAC about the agenda for the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rae Ann Palmer discussed the benefit of having an independent facilitator for the meeting. Ann Greenbaum said, and Ms. Palmer concurred, that the Part-Time Residents Association had nothing to do with Ms. Palmer not being able to speak at the PTRAC meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: Application for Entertainment License and One Day Pouring License for Castle Hill Center for the Arts, Saturday, July 28, 2018
- B. Review and Approve Reappointments to: Zoning Board of Appeals – John Dundas, Pamet Harbor Commission – Raymond Cordeiro and Stanley Sigel, Open Space Committee – Nick Norman
- C. Review and Accept Twinefield Conservation Restriction 25A Pond Road and 25 Pond Road
- D. Review and Approve the Historic Preservation Restriction for Castle Hill at Edgewood Farm
- E. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes: July 10, 2018

Paul Wisotzky noted a suggestion that applications for reappointment be completely filled out. He asked that this directive be included on the application form. Rae Ann Palmer asked for the Selectmen's signatures for the Preservation Restriction for Castle Hill at Edgewood Farm.

Paul Wisotzky moved to approve the consent agenda as printed. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

#### **SELECTMENT AND TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS**

Janet Worthington reported on her Hours at the Transfer Station. People discussed the Little Pamet River and beach sticker issues. She asked about the three signs on Rte. 6 at the entrance to Edgewood Farm. Rae Ann Palmer responded to her other question on rescue boats, which are available for Pamet Harbor and Coast Guard Beach.

Paul Wisotzky said he had kept Selectmen's Hours at the Transfer Station. He had attended the Housing Authority meeting, which discussed the RFP being prepared for the Cloverleaf

Property. He thanked Carl Brotman for his eight years as Chair of the Truro Housing Authority and congratulated new Chair Kevin Grunwald.

Maureen Burgess said she had attended the Part-Time Residents Advisory Commission meeting, which had been discussed. She reported on a septic system presentation at the last Board of Health meeting.

Kristen Reed had held her Selectmen Hours at the Library. Part time residents had discussed the RTE and alternate progressive taxes. She said she had joined the DPW Selection Committee in looking at feasibility for a new Public Works Facility. Additionally, a 7-year old had asked about mosquitoes, ticks and sharks.

Robert Weinstein kept Hours at the Transfer Station and received questions on beach stickers and transfer station stickers for second vehicles for family members. He recommended signage in both directions on Rte. 6 for the Transfer Station.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer gave an update on the Little Pamet River. She has been in touch with the Perry's attorney. The Center for Coastal Studies will conduct a drone flight to assess the needs for improved water flow. At present the Town has been draining on a weekly basis, but a new tide gate is planned. There is money available from a previous Town Meeting. She reported on the damaged clapper valve at the Pamet River. The pipe will be put back pending the right tide, and a management plan will be followed.

#### **SELECTMEN COMMENTS**

RW said the Division of Marine Fisheries has recently published information on Great White shark tagging.

Paul Wisotzky took issue with an editorial in the Banner regarding Truro's position on the Herring River. He and Chair Weinstein said the newspaper had misrepresented the Board and Town Manager's position.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Rae Ann Palmer asked that the Board vote on two matters for the August 9, 2018 meeting.

Paul Wisotzky moved to establish an agenda for the August 9, 2018 meeting that included gathering information from Part-Time Residents for the Local Comprehensive Plan and discussion of Residential Tax Exemptions. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Paul Wisotzky moved that an independent facilitator lead the discussions at the August 9, 2018 meeting. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer reviewed agenda items for the Tuesday, August 14, 2018 meeting: ASFE and LIUNA union contracts; licenses; a MassDOT form for bike ride; curb cut; existing water service; appointments including a new one for the Historical Commission; and opening the Warrant for September 12, 2018 Special Town Meeting.

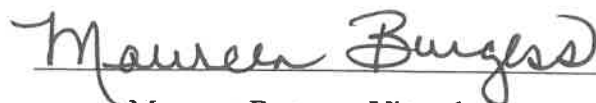
**ADJOURNMENT**

Janet Worthington moved to adjourn. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,

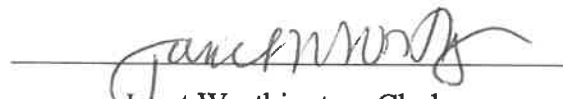
  
Mary Rogers, Secretary

  
Robert Weinstein, Chair

  
Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair

  
Kristen Reed

  
Paul Wisotzky

  
Janet Worthington, Clerk

**Public Records Material for 7/24/18**

1. Appointment papers of Michael Holt
2. Draft Marijuana Bylaws
3. Draft House Size Bylaws
4. Application for Entertainment License and One Day Pouring License for Castle Hill Center for the Arts, Saturday, July 28, 2018
5. Reappointments papers for: Zoning Board of Appeals – John Dundas, Pamet Harbor Commission – Raymond Cordeiro and Stanley Sigel, Open Space Committee – Nick Norman
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