

**Truro Select Board Work Session**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**  
**Truro Public Library – Cobb Room**

**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 Sullivan-Clark; Town Accountant Trudi Brazil

Chair Robert Weinstein called work session to order at 2:25 p.m.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

### **Annual Report**

The Board examined the beach-themed 2018 Annual Report submission from the Board of Selectmen.

### **Review of Multi-member Board Charges**

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer and the Selectmen reviewed the list of multi-member boards and committees and their charges. The Selectmen considered ways of filling board vacancies and of keeping apprised of board concerns and activities. Ideas included: placing a newspaper public service announcement for board vacancies; holding an event dedicated to attracting new candidates and thanking volunteers of the various boards and committees; and setting up an online calendar for board members to schedule time with their Selectmen liaisons. Liaisons will examine the charges of their respective boards and make recommendations for changes. The Selectmen's Liaison Policy will be included in the charges. The revisions will be discussed at a future work session.

Selectmen reviewed the various boards and committees. Some boards are no longer necessary: Herring River Restoration, Pay as You Throw, Historic Review Board and Economic Development Committees. Since there is currently no Recreation Commission, a combined Beach and Recreation Commission would alleviate the situation. Possibly, the Energy and Recycling Committees could be combined. The Climate Committee, if it passes, could be a part of a combined Energy group.

### **Review of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget**

Town Accountant Trudi Brazil distributed the March 19, 2019 draft of the Town Manager's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and a summary recap sheet of expenditures and revenues. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer reviewed and discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget cuts. The School Committee is expected to make further cuts at their meeting tonight. Presuming that the School Committee makes the cuts of \$76,000, the Budget will be ready to go forward, she said. There are some changes anticipated in OPEB and Free Cash, that will be known by fall. After Town Meeting, Ms. Palmer said she will be meeting with a representative from Lower Cape Ambulance and will have a few Selectmen join her to discuss their service and increased cost.

Janet Worthington reviewed some of the history of Truro's use of Lower Cape Ambulance Service. Ms. Palmer suggested finishing an analysis of ambulance services before meeting with them.

Maureen Burgess called attention to the governor's budget, which is underfunded for Education. Trudi Brazil explained the workings of Educational Reform formula at the state level. This will not likely to be helpful to Truro, she said. Trudi Brazil suggested that Selectmen stay apprised of developments.

Janet Worthington had questions on the increase in water usage that is being requested for new breweries in Provincetown. Ms. Palmer said she has been studying water services because of the Cloverleaf property. She will request guidance from KP Law regarding the current agreement with Provincetown. There will be a joint meeting with the Provincetown Selectboard on water agreements for the Cloverleaf Property.

Ms. Palmer compared Provincetown and Truro School budgets. Robert Weinstein discussed the always rising operating budget, even when it is level funded. He was interested in visioning for services that can be provided; the ability of boards to manage with available resources and volunteers; getting an early start on next year's budget with the involvement of more citizens, especially younger people; and expressed his hope that the ClearGov computer program would help with organization. Ms. Palmer suggested a one-day, facilitated retreat as way to look at the Town's vision. Paul Wisotzky discussed the balance needed for looking financially at what to cut and thinking value-wise to ensure sustainability. Other Selectmen offered ideas for a special "think tank" day: examining revenue enhancing ideas; involving the community in a values and services discussion, creating a clear mission statement, looking at shared interests of part-time and year-round residents. Regionalization is another big topic to explore. Rae Ann Palmer said regionalization is a slow process. She will schedule a date for a think-tank session of the Truro Board of Selectmen. A follow-up session could include a cross section of townspeople with different perspectives. Afterwards, the Board will hold the quarterly joint meeting with the other Lower Cape towns.

Ms. Palmer returned to Budget considerations and mentioned the projects that would be moving forward using borrowing. The Board discussed presentation of the Budget at Town Meeting. There will be a separate Budget hearing on April 11<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Palmer said.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Paul Wisotzky moved to adjourn. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

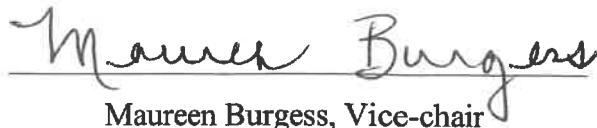
Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers, Secretary



Robert Weinstein, Chair



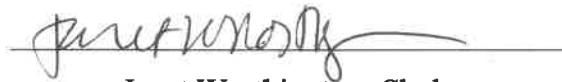
Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair



Kristen Reed



Paul Wisotzky



Janet Worthington, Clerk

**Public Records Materials of 3/19/19**

List of boards and committees with their charges

Fiscal Year 2020 Draft Budget of 3/19/19