

**Truro Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 4, 2019  
Truro Town Hall Selectmen's Chambers**

**Select Board Members Present:** Chair Robert Weinstein; Maureen, Kristen Reed, Janet Worthington

**Regrets:** Paul Wisotzky

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

Chair Robert Weinstein called meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**FINAL REVIEW OF TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer reviewed some changes in the Warrant and said there were three Articles remaining for the Selectmen's recommendations for Town Meeting.

**Article 11 Acquisition of the Walsh Property**

Ms. Palmer said the Town has a signed purchase agreement with the Walsh family for their nearly 70-acre property. The Article authorizes the purchase and creates a committee to determine how the property will be best used. The Selectmen expressed their enthusiasm for the wide-ranging opportunities the property would afford. They and the Town Manager thanked those who have been helping with the negotiations, which have been discussed only in Executive Sessions until now. The Conservation Trust, Carl Brotman and the Truro Affordable Housing Authority, and Selectmen Paul Wisotzky and Janet Worthington were all acknowledged for their roles in making the purchase possible.

Kristen Reed moved to recommend Article 11 as printed in the Warrant. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

**Article 13, Section 3 – Community Preservation Act**

**Edgewood Farm Historic Preservation Project Phase 4**

At the last meeting, Selectmen asked to hear more about the project. Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill Executive Artistic Director Cherie Mittenenthal, Managing Director Kathy Collins, and Treasurer Karen Tosh came forward. They reviewed the history of their preservation of the three historic buildings at Edgewood Farm, the historical preservation restriction that had been executed, and the cost of historical authenticity for the restoration. They enumerated Castle Hill's offerings to the community and discussed the need for an elevator in the barn to provide handicap access to the second floor. They responded to Selectmen's questions on improving a negative perception of Castle Hill as elitist, their ability to fundraise as a private, non-profit 501(3)(c) organization, public access to the property at Edgewood Farm, and the phases of the project. Cherie Mittenenthal said they do not plan to ask for CPA money for another phase. The

historical restoration is near completion, she said. She reported on more renovations that will be funded through other sources.

Susan Areson from the Finance Committee came forward to explain the thought process of the Finance Committee when they voted against recommending the Article. She said they had considered the exclusivity perception, the unknown number of phases for the project, other Town projects, and not spending all CPA money for the fiscal year. Kathy Collins asked for specific recommendations for ideas of how to better reach out to the community. Kristen Reed suggested contacting department heads for ideas. Ms. Palmer suggested Castle Hill do a mail-out to Truro residents to make them aware of their programs and activities. She reminded everyone that while the Selectmen make recommendations, it is the voters at Town Meeting who make the decision.

Maureen Burgess moved to recommend Article 13, Section 3 as printed in the Warrant. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

#### **Article 17 – Petitioned Article**

##### **Establish a Truro Climate Action Committee**

Town Counsel has advised that this is a non-binding, advisory Article. The Selectmen would set up the committee if it is approved at Town Meeting. It might be done as an additive piece to the existing Energy Committee.

Kristen Reed moved to recommend Article 17 as printed in the Warrant. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

#### **Withdrawn Petitioned Article**

Chair Weinstein said he had a letter to read for one of the petitioned articles, but Ms. Palmer said it would not be necessary to read the letter into record now that the Article is withdrawn from the Warrant.

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

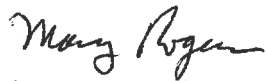
Ms. Palmer discussed emergency responses at Truro beaches. She had gone to a meeting at the state house with other Cape officials. The state has offered \$383,000 of funding for satellite call boxes, stretchers and repeaters. Truro has made its request for \$144,000 of the money. Chair Weinstein gave thanks to Governor Baker for the funds.

The Town Manager announced that there are two upcoming Stop the Bleed presentations this week.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Maureen moved to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers, Secretary



Robert Weinstein, Chair



Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair



Kristen Reed



Paul Wisotzky

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Janet Worthington, Clerk

**Public Records Material of 4/4/19**

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