Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting, May 17, 2016 Truro Public Library

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

Worthington

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Town Accountant Trudi Brazil

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting, an open work session, to order at 5:00 p.m.

Interview with Assistant Town Manager Candidate

The Selectmen met with Maureen Thomas, the candidate for Assistant Town Manager, and asked her a number of questions. She responded with explanations of what enthused her about the Truro position; her projected time of service; the challenges she foresees; transition to the executive level of government; her management style which she described as *facilitative*; the most difficult situation that she's faced; her perspective on Selectmen-Town Manager relationship; and the values, goals and objectives that the Board has developed. Ms. Thomas' final comments were on things she wanted the selectmen to know about: Rae Ann Palmer as her mentor; her excellent work ethic; support for the goals; her personality; her fairness and resiliency. She also commented about the long commute she would be undertaking, especially during the summer season. She asked the Board about challenges and opportunities that they perceived for the Assistant Town Manager position. She will be able to begin on June 20, 2016. The Board was very pleased with their choice.

Discussion of FY2017 Objectives

Chair Paul Wistozky and Rae Ann Palmer had worked on a draft of the *Fiscal Year 2017 Goals and Objectives*, prepared by Jay Coburn. Maureen Burgess also had prepared a number of revisions to the *Goals and Objectives*. The Board reviewed the revisions that had been proposed. Board members offered suggestions for Town Services TS3 and TS4, regarding issues in the Cape Cod National Seashore. Jay Coburn said that he would further revise TS3 and TS4.

Executive Session

There was a need, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, to go into executive session. The Board decided to do this at 6:00 p.m. since Town Counsel had arrived at the meeting.

Paul Wisotzky moved to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, section 21 (a) number 3, to discuss strategy relative to pending litigation involving 25-27 Stephens Way, whereas discussion of these matters in open session would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town (and the Chair so declares it) and to reconvene the public meeting when the executive session was finished.

Paul Wisotzky; Maureen Burgess, Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein, and Janet Worthington each said *aye*, and the motion carried 5-0, and the Board went into executive session.

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Paul Wisotzky reconvened the open meeting.

Goals & Objectives (Cont.)

The Board of Selectmen and Rae Ann Palmer continued the discussion of the Fiscal Year 2017 Goals and Objectives.

Adjournment

Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers, Secretary

Paul Wisotzky, Chair

Maureen Burgess, Clerk

Jay Coburn

Janet Worthington, Vice-chair

Robert Weinstein