

**Truro Budget Task Force**  
**Monday, January 7, 2019**  
**Truro Town Hall Selectmen's Chambers**

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Vice-chair Richard Wood, Susan Areson  
**Board of Selectmen Member Present:** Chair Robert Weinstein, Maureen Burgess, Kristen Reed  
**Present:** Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Sullivan-Clark; Town Accountant Trudi Brazil

Board of Selectmen Chair Robert Weinstein called to order the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for Recreation and Beach Department**

Recreation and Beach Director Damion Clements presented the Recreation Budget for FY 20 first. He said there was an increase in the assistant director's salary. The rest of the budget was very much the same in services, supplies, and the 5700 line. He answered questions on fees and participation and the After-School Program.

The Beach Budget for FY20 stayed about the same for staffing, services. There was an increase in supplies with more medical items included. There was little change in the 5700 line. Mr. Clements said. He explained use of the Beach ATV, which is shared with Recreation. Call boxes for the beaches are on the Capital Expense Budget, Rae Ann Palmer said. The Town will be working with the National Seashore on communication services at the beaches, but the National Park Service staff has been furloughed right now due to the government shut down. Ms. Palmer said the Town has calculated costs for hiring lifeguards at the ocean beaches, but finding them is uncertain. Damion Clements estimated that \$86,000 per beach would be needed for lifeguards. That figure does not include housing provisions. At this time, only Head of the Meadow Beach has had lifeguard protection. Ms. Palmer said Truro should consider covering more beaches, but it will be difficult to find lifeguards to staff even Head of the Meadow Beach till Labor Day.

Richard Wood suggested better shark communications between charter boats and beaches, but someone needs to be at the beach to receive the information. The Beach Department is working with the Fire Department to improve emergency responses at beaches, Ms. Palmer said.

The Beach Director reviewed certification requirements for lifeguards. Chair Weinstein asked about outreach to Outer Cape high school juniors and seniors. Mr. Clements said they participate in the school job fairs, but lifeguarding is down nationally.

Call boxes at the beaches are potentially around \$100,000, Ms. Palmer said. Storage sheds have not been calculated but need to be considered.

**FY 2020 Budget for Building and Inspections**

Part-time Building Commissioner Richard Stevens came forward, but Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark presented the FY20 Budget for the Building Department since he had just accepted the position. Ms. Clark said there was a total increase of \$1,280 and explained changes in lines. Salary was level funded. Inspection lines had increased. Supplies and services had changes that seemed to indicate increases, but shifts in other categories offset this. Mr. Stevens said there had been three condominium conversion applications so far.

**Health and Conservation FY20 Budget**

Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe presented her Budget, which now combines the two areas of health and conservation. She explained items in the Budget for: regionalized consulting, "Wednesday programming," water testing, ConsCom educational mailing, shore bird monitoring contract with Audubon, the hazardous waste collection contribution, County beach program, White Water's contract for the water system, travel expenses, accreditation costs, and conferences. Ms. Beebe expanded on the shore bird monitoring program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Maureen Burgess moved to adjourn. Kirsten Reed seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. Chair Weinstein adjourned the Budget Task Force meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers,  
Secretary



Robert Weinstein, Chair



Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair

  
Kristen Reed  
Paul Wisotzky

Janet Worthington, Clerk

**Public Records Material of the 1/7/19 meeting**

Draft FY 2020 Budget spreadsheet

