

**Pre-Town Meeting
Truro Community Center
April 17, 2019**

Present: Town Moderator Monica Kraft; Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer

Board of Selectmen Present: Robert Weinstein, Chair; Maureen Burgess, Paul Wisotzky, Janet Worthington, Kristen Reed

Town Moderator Monica Kraft called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. She explained that the Budget hearing had been held last week. The first order of business was Candidate's Night.

Candidates

Board of Selectmen

Incumbent Robert Weinstein said he had served on the Board of Selectmen for six years, and he would like to complete many of the projects that are now underway such as the Pamet and Little Pamet. He praised the existing Board and thanked Paul Wisotzky for his years of service as a Selectman. He discussed the shortage of affordable housing but noted the ADU bylaw and the plans to develop the Cloverleaf property, both of which are expected to improve the situation. He expressed his love and vision for Truro and his involvement in municipal service for the past four decades.

Susan Areson, the other candidate, provided her Truro roots, job experience, retirement to Truro, and service on municipal boards. She has attended workshops on housing issues, she said. A review of Town services and a look shared services with neighboring towns interest her. Attracting young families to Truro and choosing the next Town Manager in 2020 are challenges she is willing to face. She described her expectations of duties for a member of the Board of Selectmen, commented favorably on regionalization of school systems, which she has seen in other communities, and discussed housing efforts through ADU's, the Cloverleaf property, Habitat and the Truro Housing Authority. Asked about economic development, she discussed encouraging businesses in business areas and supporting businesses that are here. Robert Weinstein said Ms. Areson has been faithfully following Selectmen's meetings.

Chair Robert Weinstein recognized the presence of Senator Julian Cyr at the meeting.

Planning Board

Ann Greenbaum gave her background and her interest in becoming a part of the Planning Board's critical work on balancing needs of the community and protecting natural resources. She described herself as a good listener who asks questions. She has experience in team and in reconciling opposing positions. She has time to give to the Planning Board now that she is mostly retired, she said. She explained the job of the Planning Board, as she sees it. Regarding housing issues, she believes there is a need to diversify the housing stock in Truro. She visions a future Truro as one where we will still be having similar discussions of issues.

Warrant Articles

The Town Moderator opened discussion for any Warrant Articles of interest or questions for the Board of Selectmen. She recommended that voters read the introductory material at the beginning of the Warrant.

Article 11 – Walsh Property

Senator Julian Cyr thanked Paul Wisotzky for his service on the Board of Selectmen. He commended the upcoming women's super-majority on the Board. Senator Cyr said he was present to give his enthusiastic endorsement of Article 11 for the purchase of the Walsh property. He discussed the opportunities for housing, water, conservation and future uses the property offers. He said this was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the Town.

Ann Greenbaum asked about the process of decision making for the Walsh property. Robert Weinstein said that the Town first needs to acquire the 70-acre property at Town Meeting. He said that the Selectmen would select a committee to make plans to advise the Town. The developed part could be used for housing, but the community should decide the best use of the parcel for municipal purposes. Janet Worthington said there are plans for a public forum as early as June. She stressed the importance of foresight in making decisions on use of the Walsh property. Paul Wisotzky said the Board intends to immediately engage the community in the planning process.

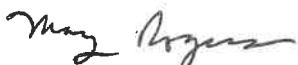
Joan Holt said she supported Article 11 and hoped to see it pass unanimously without discussion. She said that she believes the Selectmen's promise to have community involvement for use of the property.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer and Board members discussed the plans for general obligation bonds with a 20-year debt service to best pay for the purchase of the Walsh property. Ms. Palmer said they could potentially dedicate the short-term rental tax revenue to debt service. Robert Weinstein said that promised settlement money for the Klein house could be used for the debt.

Paul Wisotzky discussed how the group making a master plan for the Walsh property will bring the ideas back to the Town for approval. He thanked the Walsh family for working with the Town to make the purchase as possibility.

Monica Kraft closed the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

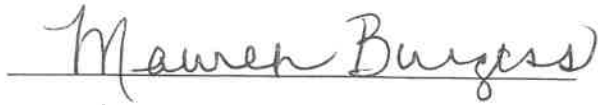
Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers, Secretary



Robert Weinstein, ~~Chair~~



Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair



Kristen Reed



~~Paul Wisotzky~~ Susan Areson



Janet Worthington, Clerk

Public Records material of 4/17/19 meeting
Annual Town Meeting Warrant for 2019

