

Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Via GoToMeeting Platform

Select Board Members Present: Robert Weinstein-Chair, Kristen Reed-Vice Chair, Susan Areson-Clerk, John Dundas-Member, Stephanie Rein-Member

Others Present: Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager, Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager, Jay Coburn of CDP, Hadley Luddy of HPC, Pamela Wolff, Robert Ross, Mark Adams, Elizabeth Cook, Chelsea Loughran, Curtis Hartman, Nancy Medoff, Drew Locke, Brian Boyle-Charter Review Committee Chair, Robert Panessiti-Charter Review Committee Member, Cheryl Best-Charter Review Committee Member, Jonathan Slater, Eric Parker, Bill Golden, Debra Best-Parker, Amy Wolff, Chris Lucy, Richard Roberts, Joan Holt, Tim Collins-Fire Chief, Tom Impey-from Capital Strategic Solutions, Nicole Figueiredo-CEO of Capital Strategic Solutions, Steve Roderick-Chief Operating Officer of Lower Cape Ambulance Association and Member of Truro Finance Committee, Joe Lang-Shift Leader-LCAA, Liam Rowland

Chair Weinstein called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comment

- Mr. Coburn, CEO of Community Development Partnership, wished to share that a Lower Cape Housing and Accessory Dwelling Resource Center has been developed. He spoke about the portion of the program which CDP will run. Ms. Luddy, of Homeless Prevention Council, spoke about the components which HPC will run. Information is available on lowercapehousing.org.
- Ms. Pamela Wolff has been, and still is, concerned with the manner in which Truro Talks has presented certain information. She gave a timeline of when she started to express her concerns. She feels Truro Talks is not giving the truth about Truro in respect to a number of critical matters on which the Select Board and voters will have to make decisions. She asked that the Select Board insist that Truro Talks provide accurate information and if it does not, close it down.

Public Hearings-None

Board/Committee/Commission Appointments

Chair Weinstein noted that there were three applicants for Conservation Commission; three for Recreation Advisory Committee; and two for ZBA. Member Reed would like to hear from each group of applicants, for each committee, en masse before making the appointments and then move along to the next set of applicants for the next committee.

- Amy Wolff spoke to her interest in serving on the Conservation Commission. Ms. Wolff fielded questions from the Select Board.
- Chair Weinstein recused himself from the introduction of the second applicant, Mr. Robert Ross. Mr. Ross introduced himself and explained why he was interested in serving on the Conservation Commission.

- Mark Adams provided some background and gave some information on why he wished to serve on the Conservation Commission.

Member Areson made a motion to appoint Mark Adams to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Member Reed made a motion to appoint Robert Ross to the Conservation Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2022.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson-Nay

Member Dundas-Nay

Member Rein-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

So voted; 2-2-1 (Chair Weinstein recused), motion does not carry.

Member Dundas made a motion to appoint Amy Wolff to the Conservation Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2022.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Reed-Nay

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 4-1-0, motion carries.

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Assistant Town Manager Clark stated that there are five vacancies on the Recreation Advisory Committee. There are three applicants for positions. One of the applicants will not be present until later in the meeting.

Elizabeth Cook introduced herself and spoke about her interest in joining the Recreation Advisory Committee and answered questions from the Board.

Chelsea Loughran introduced herself, gave some background and spoke of her interest in applying to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee. She expanded on her ideas for the Committee prompted by questions from the Board.

Member Areson made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Cook and Chelsea Loughran to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Two people have submitted applications to fill one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Curtis Hartman gave a brief introduction and spoke about his interest in serving on the ZBA. He also answered questions from the Board.

Nancy Medoff introduced herself and spoke of her interest in serving on the ZBA. She then answered questions from the Board.

Member Dundas made a motion to appoint Curtis Hartman to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate member with a term of one year, expiring June 30, 2023.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Reed-Nay

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Drew Locke joined the meeting. He is the third applicant for the Recreation Advisory Committee. Mr. Locke gave some history on himself and gave reasons for wanting to join the Committee. He gave answers to questions asked by the Board.

Member Reed made a motion to appoint Drew Locke to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

Member Dundas seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

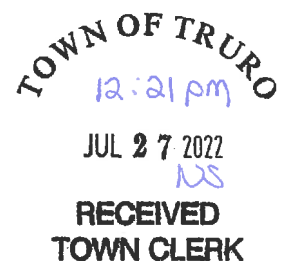
Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Staff/Committee Updates-None



Tabled Items-None

Select Board Action

Review and Possible Action on Policy #54 Complaint

Charter Review Committee Chair Boyle would like the matter to be turned over to the Charter Review Committee. Chair Weinstein declined, stating that the Committee has not addressed the matter in a timely manner. Chair Weinstein laid out a format for moving forward with this topic. Mr. Slater asked if the template followed for a previous Policy #54 complaint would be followed again (regarding the degree of public interaction).

Robert Panessiti was recognized.

Mr. Panessiti introduced himself. He read his complaint and made some additional comments. In brief, he states inflammatory statements were made by Ms. Cheryl Best which he believes are in violation of Policy #54. He is asking the Board to consider the censure of Mr. Cheryl Best. Member Areson noted that the Select Board has a specific Policy #54 complaint before them, and that Mr. Panessiti went beyond that complaint. She asked what the Board would be acting upon. Chair Weinstein asked everyone to focus on the memo dated March 1, 2022, and stated that anything beyond that is not appropriate for the discussion this evening.

Cheryl Best introduced herself. She explained that she wanted this heard in open session to ask where such issues should be enforced. Her interpretation is that this should have been heard within the Charter Review Committee and not the Select Board. She refuted the statements Mr. Panessiti made. She also asked that her entire statement of defense as read into the record be included as part of this evening's minutes.

Chair Weinstein opened the meeting up to comments from public.

Eric Parker, Bill Golden, Debra Best-Parker and Amy Wolff commented upon the topic and gave their viewpoints.

Mr. Panessiti delved further into a couple of items which were mentioned in Ms. Best's statement and Ms. Best did the same.

Mr. Lucy gave an overview of his interpretation of what occurs during Charter Review Committee meetings.

Richard Roberts gave a statement as to his opinion on the topic.

Chair Weinstein would like to weigh the options on how the Board can handle this issue;

- No action be taken but perhaps there may be a desire to admonish the behavior for not working collaboratively, and perhaps respectfully.
- To censure an individual.
- Suspension for no more than fifteen days.
- Removal.

Joan Holt states all four options are negative in nature and that a fifth possibility should be added which would be that the Board does not think the complaint warrants action and they dismiss it.

Chair Weinstein made a motion to acknowledge that there was a Policy #54 violation made by Cheryl Best with respect to specific comments that were made in a joint meeting held on January 25, 2022.

Member Reed seconded.

Ms. Best would like a listing of what statements specifically are in Policy #54 vote, and she also asked that if an admonishment is voted for that the admonishment be a dual admonishment to both herself and Mr. Panessiti because she is not alone in this issue. If that cannot be done, she stated she has the right (and reserves the right) to put in her own Policy #54 complaint against Mr. Panessiti.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Areson-Nay

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 4-1-0, motion carries.

Member Reed made a motion to admonish Cheryl Best for her comments made on the joint meeting on January 25, 2022, with the Select Board and Charter Review Committee, and recommend admonishment.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Areson-Nay

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 4-1-0, motion carries.

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Presentation of Emergency Medical Services Report

Ms. Figueiredo gave an overview of the Company and then began the presentation of the Regional Study of Emergency Medical Services-Lower Cape Cod Region. Mr. Impey started the discussion by explaining what precipitated this study. He then went through the following:

- EMS Existing Services
- Methodology
- Study Phases
- EMS Transports
- Ambulance Revenue
- Additional Information in Study

Mr. Impey then listed four corrective options/possible solutions.

Note: At this time, Finance Chair Panessiti called the Finance Committee meeting to order in case other members engaged.

After the presentation and discussion, Chair Weinstein noted that this was a valuable starting point. Real information is in hand from how the services are provided amongst three neighboring communities. What the Select Board now needs to address is to take all of the comments given by laypeople, and people who are on the front lines providing these services, to make a decision on how Truro is going to go forward.

Finance Committee Chair Panessiti called for a vote to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting.

Member Wood seconded.

So voted; 3-0-0, motion carries.

Presentation of Select Board Goals and Objectives Update

Member Reed asked that this topic be bumped to a future meeting due to the late hour.

Member Areson agreed on postponing the Goals and Objectives update and asked that an agenda item be created for the Fire Study at a time after the Annual Town Meeting.

Review and Approval of Common Victualler License for Salty Market Farmstand Inc.

Member Reed recused herself.

Member Areson made a motion to approve the 2022 Common Victualler license for Salty Market Farmstand Inc. upon compliance with all regulations and receipt of the necessary fees.

Member Dundas seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 4-0-1, motion carries.

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Truro Newsletter

It was decided to postpone this topic and place on an upcoming agenda.

Consent Agenda

Member Rein stated that she was not present at the Budget Task Force meeting of 2.7.2022 and would be recusing herself from that vote.

Member Reed was present for ½ of the Budget Task Force meeting of 2.7.2022 and would recuse herself from that vote. She will also recuse herself from all matters concerning Avenue D.

Members Areson, Reed, and Dundas will forward corrections to minutes.

Member Areson made a motion to approve the consent agenda noting the recusals of members Rein and Reed and with the minutes corrections.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Select Board Reports/Comments

Chair Weinstein stated that given the hour perhaps people could reserve their Select Board reports for the next Select Board meeting.

Member Rein had one time-sensitive topic. Truro Central School is holding a ground clean-up day on April 23, 2022, from 10am-3pm. They are happy to have any community volunteers. For more information please check the Truro Central School website or email the school nurse, Elizabeth Cook RN at cooke@truromass.org.

Member Dundas wished to thank Lower Cape Ambulance and Truro Ambulance for their immediate response and assistance to a neighbor of his. The protocols discussed tonight were fully implemented and triage was done quickly.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Tangeman stated he would bring up the next meeting agenda.

Next Meeting Agenda: Regular Meeting-April 26, 2022; Regular Meeting-May 11 (Wednesday), 2022

The agenda was brought up for the Select Board to view. Town Manager Tangeman went over the topics.

Member Dundas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58pm.

Member Rein seconded.

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Noelle L. Scoullar



Darrin K. Tangeman, Town Manager
Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board



Public Records material of 04.12.2022

1. Applications to Serve-Amy Wolff, Robert Ross, Mark Adams, Elizabeth Cook, Andrew Locke, Chelsea Loughran, Curtis Hartman, Nancy Medoff
2. Letter to Ms. Best, Complaint and Select Board Policy #54
3. Response from Ms. Best
4. Notice of Open Session
5. Ms. Best statement
6. Final Report from Capital Strategic Solutions
7. FY2022 Goals and Objective Progress and Plan of Action
8. Application for 2022: Salty Market Farmstand
9. Application for Permit for Organized Bike/Road Race-National MS Society with route and map
10. Renewal Application for 2022: Avenue D
11. Renewal Application for 2022: Jules Besch Stationaires
12. Email Request from Terra Luna to use outdoor dining area and advisory regarding LLA Approval of Patio
13. Email Request from Avenue D to use outdoor dining area and advisory regarding LLA Approval of Patio
14. ABCC Seasonal License Holder's Application
15. Meeting minutes from Budget Task Force meeting 2.7.2022
16. Meeting minutes from Select Board meeting 2.8.2022
17. Meeting minutes from Select Board meeting 2.22.2022

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