Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes June 14, 2022 Via GoToMeeting Platform

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

Others Present: Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager, Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager, Jarrod Cabral-DPW Director, Jamie Calise-Police Chief, Karen Ruymann, Erin Perry-Deputy Director at the Cape Cod Commission, Robert Panessiti, Peter Morris, Krista Edwards, David Wennerberg-IT Director, Barbara Carboni-Town Planner/Land Use Counsel, Alex Marini-Lessin-Finance Director

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

#### **Public Comment**

- -Karen Ruymann wished to thank the Select Board and read a letter from her neighborhood.
- -Erin Perry, Deputy Director at the Cape Cod Commission, let the Board know that the CCC is holding its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual One Cape Summit on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Select Board and Town Administration are invited to attend.
- -DPW Director Cabral announced that the East Harbor culvert repair project is projected to be completed within the next two weeks and is under budget. For Eagle Neck Creek, due to a two-month delay with Eversource he expects the road to be open the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of July. Test pits on Pond Road were completed two weeks ago and deliverables from Horsley Witten are expected by the end of this month.
- -Robert Panessiti wished to remind people that the Economic Development Committee is holding its public summit on Thursday of this week, from 5:30pm-7:00pm, at the Library.

Public Hearings-None Introduction to New Employees-None

# **Board/Committee/Commission Appointments Krista Edwards-Recreation Advisory Committee**

Ms. Edwards introduced herself and spoke about why she was interested in serving on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

# **Peter Morris-Recreation Advisory Committee**

Mr. Morris introduced himself and spoke about why he was interested in serving on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Member Dundas made a motion to appoint Krista Edwards to a one-year Alternate member term which expires June 30, 2023, to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Member Weinstein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

**Member Dundas-Aye** 

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Member Weinstein-Aye Member Areson-Aye Member Rein-Aye Chair Reed-Aye So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

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Member Dundas made a motion to appoint Peter Morris to a one-year Full Member term which expires June 30, 2023, to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Areson-Aye
Member Dundas-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Chair Reed-Aye
So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Member Areson seconded.

# **Staff/Committee Updates**

# Staff Update: ARPA Application for Broadband Needs Assessment Study

IT Director Wennerberg was before the Board to present a proposed plan for a comprehensive needs assessment study to address the gaps in broadband and cellular coverage in Truro. He plans on applying for ARPA funds to pay for this study. Estimates on how long the needs assessment will take run from several months to one year. Select Board members asked questions and made comments.

#### Staff Update: Summer Safety

Police Chief Calise offered some general safety tips regarding;

- -Cell phone distracted walking
- -Wearing reflective or white-colored clothing
- -If wearing headphones, only use one side and keep one ear free
- -Walk in well-lit areas
- -Massachusetts regulations require a bicycle have white front lights, red rear lights and pedal reflectors from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise
- -The helmet law in Massachusetts requires 16-year-olds and younger to wear a helmet, but he encouraged all riders to wear a helmet
- -Be cognizant and vigilant in and around water

Chief Calise then went over some of the safety programs offered by the Police Department.

- -Reassurance Program
- -Safe exchange zone

He also talked about the national catalytic theft issue. With the influx of summer visitors this issue could transition to a local problem.

He spoke at the School Committee meeting with Fire Chief Collins and School Administration regarding a crisis and safety plan for the school. Member Areson asked about traffic initiatives

for the summer, which Chief Calise went over. He urged citizens who have or see a traffic concern to report those to the Police Station.

The Pan Mass Challenge was discussed along with State Police assistance during the event.

#### **Tabled Items**

#### Review and Approve Revised Select Board Policy 28: Curb Cut

Member Weinstein reviewed the policy and noted some corrections that needed to be made. DPW Director Cabral went over some highlights of items added to the policy. Member Areson had some questions and also some wording suggestions. Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni provided some explanation for wording Member Areson asked about.

Member Weinstein made a motion to accept Policy 28: Curb Cut, adopted June 14, 2022, as amended and corrected by Member Areson.

Member Areson seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Dundas-Aye
Member Areson-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Chair Reed-Aye
So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

#### Discussion with Dana Pazolt, ADA License Holder

Chair Reed noted that Mr. Pazolt had been waiting a long time for his agenda item to come up but had logged off. Member Dundas stated that he would email Mr. Pazolt his questions and read his answers into the public record when received. The Chair asked Member Dundas to share the questions with the Board.

- 1. Mr. Pazolt has been working his ADA for ten years, what is his perspective on it?
- 2. Sometimes people who boat or kayak don't necessarily know what a floating aquaculture is and sometimes run into it. Is there anything that can be done to mitigate it or is there anything Mr. Pazolt is doing to mitigate that?
- 3. Is there any indication about red tide blooms in our region?

#### **Select Board Action**

#### **Invitation for Financial Management Review**

Finance Director Lessin explained that this is an opportunity for the Town to enjoy free consulting services from the State. The Financial Management Resource Bureau is part of the Division of Local Services and performed a similar review for 7 other Cape communities. In order to invite them in, the Select Board needs to formally do so. Member Areson asked that Finance Director Lessin speak about what would be done during a financial review. Member Weinstein had concerns of how much staff time would be used, and Chair Reed asked about a timeline, both of which Finance Director Lessin addressed.

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Member Weinstein made a motion to request that the Division of Local Services complete a Financial Management Review for the Town of Truro.

Member Areson seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

**Member Areson-Aye Member Dundas-Aye Member Weinstein-Aye** Member Rein-Aye **Chair Reed-Aye** So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

# Service Agreement with Cape Cod Conservation District and Woods Hole Group

DPW Director Cabral stated that at a previous Select Board meeting the Town contracted with the USDA, Cape Cod Conservation District and the Woods Hole Group to get the Town to a preliminary design alternative phase for the Truro Center Road culvert. What was missing from the Army Corps of Engineers report was a thorough analysis of the salinity stretching from Pamet Harbor through to Ballston Beach. Part of this next phase will be for data loggers to measure the salinity in the river from the harbor to Ballston. Chair Reed asked the DPW Director to discuss any impacts this may have on abutters to the project, which DPW Director Cabral stated would be minimal.

Member Areson made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the service agreement with the Cape Cod Conservation District and Woods Hole Group Proposal for services.

Member Weinstein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

**Member Dundas-Ave** Member Weinstein-Aye Member Areson-Aye **Member Rein-Aye Chair Reed-Aye** So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

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#### **Select Board Appointment Process**

Member Areson wants to encourage the Board to have broad community participation. She would like to tweak the phrase that board and committee members need to be aligned with the Select Board's goals and objectives. She thinks board and committee members should be informed about the goals and objectives. The message some people hear, unintentionally, is that if they don't agree with the majority of the Select Board they won't be appointed to a board or committee. She'd like to encourage asking applicants questions that are relevant to the committees that they want to serve on. She'd like to stray away from personal opinions. She suggested asking every candidate if they have read the Select Board's Goals and Objectives and whether they have any issues with them (in relation to the committee they wish to serve on).

Member Weinstein offered an alternative to wording in one of the questions posed to potential candidates. Member Rein noted that candidates have alluded to being anxious during the interview process because they don't know what questions are going to be asked. She supports a standard set of questions that applicants would know would be asked. Further discussion was held among the Select Board regarding composing an appointment policy and the gathering of interview questions. Mr. Panessiti thinks it would be helpful for the committee Chair to attend the interview meeting. Member Weinstein thinks there should be a separate set of questions for reappointments and believes that would be a key time to hear from the Chair of a particular committee. Member Areson will work on a draft policy.

Member Areson made a motion to add the following two questions to the Application for Board, Committee, Commission members;

- 1. Have you read the Select Board's current Goals and Objectives?
- 2. Do you have questions or concerns about any Select Board goals that are relevant to the committee on which you are applying to serve? If so, please elaborate.

Member Dundas seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

Member Dundas-Aye Member Areson-Aye Member Weinstein-Aye Member Rein-Aye Chair Reed-Aye So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Member Weinstein made a motion to approve the consent agenda as printed in the packet. Member Dundas seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Weinstein-Aye Member Dundas-Aye Member Areson-Aye Member Rein-Aye Chait Reed-Aye So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

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#### **Select Board Reports/Comments**

Member Rein-The Recreation Advisory Committee met for the first time in a long while. She would like the Board to discuss the potential of expanding the number of full-time committee members at a future Select Board Meeting.

Member Areson-Money was approved at Town Meeting for an update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Open Space Committee is eagerly awaiting the participation of the Recreation Advisory Committee in the update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Local Comprehensive Plan Committee is moving ahead with its postcard survey and is also looking forward to the Housing Authority and Economic Development Committee community

forums to provide data that will help in providing a vision for Truro for the comprehensive plan. Lastly, the Harbor Commission met last week and one item on their agenda (which will take some time) is they're looking to extend the North Jetty. Assistant Town Manager Clark has been working with Pamet Harbor Commission Chair Silva on trying to get a grant of \$7,200 to conduct a study which is needed before getting the work done.

Member Dundas attended a School Committee meeting in which the Superintendent was one of the main presenters who talked about her findings in a report from this past calendar year. He urged people to attend the Economic Development Committee Summit on Thursday behind the Library, 5:30pm-7:00pm. He also wished to acknowledge the United States Army's 247<sup>th</sup> birthday. They were founded on this date in 1775. Today is also Flag Day, established in 1777. Member Weinstein stated that any Truro citizens that have to travel to Hyannis should be aware that there may be major delays on Willow Street approaching Route 28. The DOT is beginning the process of reworking the busy intersection. Initial work involved removing the old KAM appliance store. People may want to use the exit off Route 6 that is past the Willow Street exit to get to Hyannis from that direction.

Chair Reed read an abridged version of their proclamation of Juneteenth. She mentioned that the Building Bridges not Walls event at the Library would be happening June 18, 2022, from 1:00pm-3:30pm.

#### **Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Tangeman noted that on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June the Town will honor and recognize Juneteenth. Town Hall will be closed, along with the Transfer Station and Library. He also alerted people that if they belong to a Board, Committee, or Commission and their term is set to expire June 30, 2022, their application for reappointment must be received by June 23, 2022, to get into the packet.

He gave a synopsis of the work session agenda and then moved along to the regular agenda for the 28<sup>th</sup> of June.

Member Dundas made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm.

Member Rein seconded.

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle L. Scoullar

Darrin K. Tangeman

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#### **Public Records material of 06.14.2022**

- 1. Application to Serve-Krista Edwards
- 2. Application to Serve-Peter Morris
- 3. Broadband Needs Assessment Survey Template
- 4. Existing Select Board Policy #28: Curb Cut Policy
- 5. Proposed Select Board Policy #28: Curb Cut Policy
- 6. Curb Cut Approvals Form
- 7. Service agreement with Cape Cod Conservation District
- 8. Woods Hole Group proposal
- 9. Harbor to the Bay Road Race Application and MassDOT Event Notification Form
- 10. One Day Entertainment Application-Truro Concert Committee
- 11. Renewal Application for 2022: North of Highland Camping Area
- 12. Select Board Minutes of March 22, 2022

