

Select Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022, Meeting

Via GoToMeeting Platform

Select Board Members 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, Trudi Brazil-Town Accountant, Jarrod Cabral-DPW Director, Alex Lessin-Finance Director, Jon Nahas-Principal Assessor, Emily Beebe-Health & Conservation Agent, Holly Ballard Gardner-Cemetery Commission Chair, Susan Howe-President of the Truro Historical Society, Katy Ward-Communications & Marketing Coordinator, Betty Gallo-Truro Housing Authority Vice Chair

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Howe let citizens know that the Truro Historical Society is hosting the kick-off event for Truro Treasures on Friday afternoon at 4:00pm. They will be showing their video of the story of the Cobb Archive. All are invited. She added that on Saturday morning at 9:00am the Truro Historical Society will be hosting a treasure hunt in conjunction with Truro Treasures.

Betty Gallo invited citizens to virtually attend the second Housing Production Plan forum on September 19th at 6:00pm. Discussion will be around goals and strategies used to address Truro's housing crisis. Consultants are also looking to gather feedback from the public.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chair Reed opened the public hearing on FY2023 Tax Classification Hearing and invited Principal Assessor Nahas to present an overview that reviewed: the impact of increased property values and raising through taxation on tax rate, components of the FY2023 property tax levy including spending commitments from previous Town meetings, Tax levy options, expanded rental residential exemption and calculation, and FY2023 residential exemptions granted and number of parcels in each value class, and a summary of the Board of Assessors recommendations.

The Board of Assessors voted to: a. recommend a Residential Factor of "1" (i.e. NOT to split the tax rate); b. recommend NOT to grant an Open Space Discount; c. recommend NOT to grant a Small Business Exemption within the commercial class; and d. recommend TO grant a Residential Exemption rate to be determined by the Select Board.

There were no questions from Select Board Members and Chair Reed recognized the following members of the public who all commented on the RTE options: Anthony Garrett, a non-voter and part-time resident; Regan McCarthy, a non-voter; Raphael Richter, a voter and year-round resident; and Ronald Fichtner, a non-voter.



Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to close the hearing.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Areson – Aye

Member Rein – Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

Chair Reed made a motion to approve the Residential Factor of “1”.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein -Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

Chair Reed made a motion not to grant an Open Space Discount.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

Chair Reed made a motion not to grant a Small Business Exemption.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

Chair Reed made a motion to grant a Residential Tax Exemption rate of 30%.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Nay

Member Dundas - Nay

Member Areson - Nay

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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So voted, 2-3-0, motion does not carry.

Chair Reed made a motion to grant a Residential Tax Exemption rate of 25%.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

INTRODUCTION TO NEW EMPLOYEES

Chair Reed and Members welcomed Katy Ward as the new Communications and Marketing Coordinator. Ms. Ward is a Truro native and graduated from Truro Central School and Provincetown High School. Ms. Ward commented that she will make the Truro Newsletter a priority in her duties, create a Truro brand book, and assist with the "Bang the Table" platform to improve real time community engagement.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The following individuals were interviewed by the Members for two appointments to the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee (LCPC): Kait Blehm, Raphael Richter, and John Thornley.

Chair Reed instructed Members to ask the same questions to each candidate to ensure fairness. Following the interviews, Members discussed the candidates and then moved to a vote for the two appointments to the LCPC.

Member Areson made a motion to appoint Kait Blehm to the LCPC for a 1-year term expiring 6/30/23.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to appoint Raphael Richter to the LCPC for a 1-year term expiring 6/30/23.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

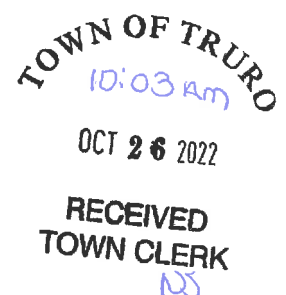
Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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



Chair Reed thanked all the interviewees and congratulated Ms. Blehm and Mr. Richter.

STAFF/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Cemetery Commission Chair Holly Ballard Gardner announced that the Tour of Truro Historical Cemeteries will take place this Saturday, September 17th, at 10 am as part of Truro Treasures. The tour will start with a lecture at the library presented by Bob Masson followed by the departure for the cemeteries. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Dress appropriately for the weather.

SELECT BOARD ACTION

Town Manager Tangeman provided an update on the Land Agreement for Cloverleaf and introduced Ted Malone, the developer of Cloverleaf, who answered questions by the Members regarding the developer's responsibilities for the innovative/alternative (IA) septic system. Mr. Malone also commented that thanks to the grant writing abilities of Assistant Town Manager Clark the project received an additional \$305,000 in grant monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve and electronically sign the amended and restated Land Agreement as prepared.

Member Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

Town Manager Tangeman reviewed the detailed cost analysis for Affordable Housing Trust Funds for 25 South Highland Road in the amount of \$433,824 that includes a 20% contingency divided into two phases. DPW Director Cabral and Health Agent Beebe provided input.

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to commit \$433,824 of the Affordable Housing Trust Funds for the purpose of moving Town-owned and donated housing structures to 25 South Highland Road and to authorize the Town Manager to initiate the relocation of those structures.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

Chair Reed and Town Manager Tangeman briefly discussed all Select Board policies to reflect official titles of Select Board and Town Manager and to make gender-specific language gender neutral. There were no Member comments.

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Member Rein made a motion to revise Select Board policies #4 through #67 to reflect official titles of Select Board and Town Manager and to make gender-specific language gender neutral.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

Member Rein introduced to the Select Board a National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation 2022 for the Town of Truro. Member Rein stated nearly 46,000 suicides occurred in the United States in 2020 and each suicide impacts an average of 100 other persons (family, friends, and work colleagues).

Member Rein made a motion to proclaim September as National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation 2022 for the Town of Truro.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to accept the consent agenda as included in tonight's packet.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas – Abstained from the minutes

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Vice Chair Weinstein reported on the recent activities of the Energy Committee. The Public Safety Facility will receive new insulation and new triple pane windows. A grant will cover the costs of the installation. The Energy Committee is exploring at ways for the Town's vehicular fleet to become more carbon neutral through the purchase of electric vehicles (EVs). The current electric provider, Eversource, can't support the load of an increase in the anticipation of charging EVs with its current infrastructure so more work must be done.

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Member Dundas thanked the men and women of the Public Safety Office and the DPW for all they do as the summer season concludes. Member Dundas thanked the Town Clerk and all volunteers for their efforts in supporting the primary voting held on September 6th. Member Dundas attended the School Committee meeting, and the school will have a welcome back reception for all the returning students. Member Dundas reiterated that professional development is a morale booster and a force multiplier for Town employees as well as for the community.

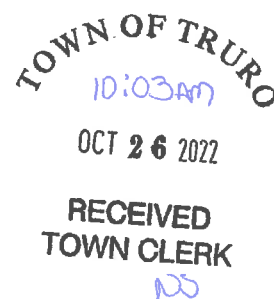
Member Areson reported that at the Board of Health's meeting, held on August 16th, a presentation on the Town's cesspool removal status was provided. It was very informative and Member Areson commended Health & Conservation Agent Beebe for her team's efforts. A community forum will be held on October 15th at the Community Center from 10am-1pm. The Open Space Committee met last week with Jeff Thibodeau (consultant) and there are efforts to reach out to other Town committees and commissions for input as the Open Space Committee moves forward in its mission. Member Areson also reported that she had met with an ad hoc group consisting of Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Barbara Carboni, Heidi Townsend (Member of the ZBA), Ellery Althaus (Member of the Planning Board), and Kevin Grunwald (Truro Housing Authority) to discuss ideas how to improve housing in Truro. There have been great discussions.

Member Rein reported that she attended the Disabilities Commission meeting and there is a lot of interest in the multi-generational equipment at Puma Park where there is a safety issue with small children running between the equipment. Parents, please supervise your children so there are no unfortunate incidents. Member Rein also noted that Recreation/Beach Director Damion Clements' initiative to pay hiring bonuses resulted in the hiring of 8 Recreation Department employees for summer programs and she has received very positive feedback from parents and children. Member Areson thanked Damion for his and his team. The Recreation Department is also looking for volunteer soccer coaches for the upcoming season for boys and girls, and if interested, please contact Damion. There are still roster vacancies for soccer players so please encourage children to participate. The summer Farmers' Market was very successful, and the farmers are appreciative for the support.

Chair Reed did not render a report but provided comments on the Budget Task Force and the upcoming changes for the upcoming budget process. Chair Reed noted that the Truro Central School is now part of this Budget Task Force process, so representatives are expected to attend. Some committees have begun hearings to hear gather input from voters as to items which they would like considered for the upcoming Warrant. Chair Reed reminded Members to consider potential Goals and Objectives for 2023 and to be prepared to submit when requested.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tangeman reported that there is an update on the Eagle Neck Creek Project in the Truro Talks newsletter and there will be a walk through on or about September 22nd. DPW Director Cabral has invited interested residents to join the walk through. Next week starts the initial interviews to fill the vacancies for Assistant Directors for Beach & Recreation and Council on Aging. Assistant Town Manager Clark provided additional information about the selection of panel interviewers and notifications to qualified applicants.



NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Town Manager Tangeman stated that a representative from Take Care of Cape Cod will attend the next meeting and inquired if there were any additional policy letters which needed to be discussed. A staff review is still being conducted regarding the DPW Facility and a presentation may be ready in October. Town Manager Tangeman and Finance Director Lessin are preparing a budget letter to distribute to department heads ahead of the budget process.

Member Rein asked about rescheduling the joint meeting with Provincetown on September 26th as it falls on Rosh Hashanah and a Walsh Property meeting is scheduled on Yom Kippur. Chair Reed asked Town Manager to request a reschedule the joint meeting with Provincetown and he will request it but cautioned that the meeting date had been set six months ago.

Member Dundas made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye

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

Respectfully submitted,



Alexander O. Powers



Darrin K. Tangeman Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

Public Records Material Attachments

Legal Notice

Recommendations from the Board of Assessors

**State Tax Form LA-4 which indicates totals by class of the FY2023 certified parcel values
FY2023 Truro Residential Exemption Statistics, if approved, as of 8/30/2022.**

Application to Serve: Kait Blehm Chair's Comments

Application to Serve: Raphael Richter, Chair's Comments

Application to Serve: John Thornley, Chair's Comments

Amended and Restated Land Development Option Agreement

Opinion of Cost for Relocation of Donated ADU & 1 Walsh cottage #10 or #13

Suicide Prevention Month 2022 Proclamation

