# Truro Select Board Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Truro Public Safety Facility

Select Board Members Present: Janet Worthington, Chair; Susan Areson, Maureen Burgess, Kristen Reed, Robert Weinstein

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Sullivan-Clark; Stacie Nicole Smith, Associate Managing Director and Senior Mediator of Consensus Building Institute

Chair Janet Worthington called work session to order at 2:07 p.m.

# **DISCUSSIONS**

## Walsh Property Committee

Stacie Smith, who had been facilitator for the Walsh Property Forum, discussed the follow-up survey results. They are posted on the Town website on the Select Board page, Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark said. Ms. Smith had suggestions for moving forward and offered her assistance in designing a plan for the Select Board's approval. For the first stage, an assessment, the Town needs a cross section of the population and the people most enthused about the possibilities for the property, according to Ms. Smith. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said a town-wide mailing would elicit responses from a good cross section and include part-time residents.

Stacie Smith made suggestions for application questions to help select representatives and to decide upon the number of members for the committee. She outlined a plan that included: tasks and objectives, principles for the process, composition of the committee, liaisons, criteria for choosing representatives, decision-making parameters, reporting, roles and responsibilities, ground rules for good behavior, and an initial work plan.

As a neutral party, Ms. Smith said she could assist the Town in selecting the best candidates for the advisory committee for the Walsh Property, but she recognizes and values the knowledge that Select Board members bring to the process. Robert Weinstein said he still wants to have more community involvement in order to represent a larger segment of the population. He suggested a fun community event allowing people to walk the property when the Town purchases it. Janet Worthington said that could be included in the next step of outreach. Stacie Smith said a key to community involvement is discussion of particular issues. Kelly Clark supported this with an anecdote regarding school matters. Ms. Palmer said there are already 23 applicants for the committee.

Kristen Reed said zoning issues for the property should be clear in order to help with realistic proposals. Ms. Palmer said preliminary environmental work has been done, also engineering plans, but more studies will be conducted after the Town owns the property.

Ms. Smith will prepare the draft charge, the Town will publicize it on the website, and she will bring the information to a Select Board meeting. She discussed fair representation of the public voice, which is so important to the process. She said members of interest groups should be prepared to come with open minds if they wish to be part of the committee. She recommended a liaison role for the Select Board and the other regulatory boards. The advisory board will host events that invite more community engagement. Ms. Smith suggested using local TV as another means of keeping the public informed. Kristen Reed outlined the additional information she'd like to see on applications for the advisory board. Stacie Smith suggested sharing the bullet points from her presentation and staying in touch with her through e-mail.

# Powers of Appointment Policy

Rae Ann Palmer reviewed a new Select Board Powers of Appointment Policy which defines the steps for recruiting, selecting and appointing officials such as Town Manager, Fire Chief and the Chief of Police. In the draft she had presented, she provided a few new interviewing options for finalists.

She said the Select Board will need to approve the policy at a regular meeting. Ms. Palmer will send out the draft policy for comments and changes by the Select Board, and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION

Maureen Burgess moved to adjourn the work session. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The work session was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

Janet Worthington opened the regular meeting at 3:35 p.m.

#### One-day Licenses

#### Truro Center for the Arts' Prohibition Party

Robert Weinstein moved to approve a one-day Entertainment License and a one-day Alcohol License for Truro Center of the Arts at 3 Edgewood Way for September 15, 2019 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

#### Captain's Choice for Truro Treasure's Block Party

Captain's Choice had applied for a one-day Entertainment License for September 21, 2019 for the Truro Treasure's Block Party.

Kristen Reed moved to approve a one-day Entertainment License for Captain's Choice, 4 Highland Rd., on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 4 to 7 p.m. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

#### Climate Action Proclamation for September 20, 2019

Ms. Palmer displayed the proclamation for Climate Action for September 20, 2019, and Janet Worthington read the text expressing solidarity with Greta Thunberg's call for a global strike.

Susan Areson moved to issue the Climate Action Proclamation for September 20, 2019 Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

## Adjournment

Robert Weinstein moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers, Secretary

Janet Worthington, Chair

Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair

Susan Areson

Kristen Reed, Clerk

Robert Weinstein

#### Public Records Material of 9/10/19

- 1. Draft Select Board Policy on Appointments
- 2. Applications for one-day entertainment license and one-day alcohol licenses
- 3. Climate Action Proclamation for September 20, 2019

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