

Select Board Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2023, Regular Meeting

Via GoToMeeting Platform

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

Select Board Members Absent: Stephanie Rein-Member

Others Present: Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager, Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager, Town Clerk Kaci Fullerton, DPW Director Jarrod Cabral, Finance Director Alex Lessin, Town Planner and Land Use Counsel Barbara Carboni, Town Counsel Katie Klein, Kristi Wageman-Manager at Captain's Choice, Liam Luttrell Rowland-Owner of Salty Market, Marissa Jackson-Right of Way Agent for Eversource Energy, Kristy Senatori-Cape Cod Commission Executive Director, Kevin Grunwald-Cape Cod Commission Member, Sallie Tighe-Truro Human Services Committee Member, Sarah Colvin-Cape Cod Commission Communications Manager, Carol Santos-Applicant for Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, Planning Board Chair Anne Greenbaum, Charter Review Chair Nancy Medoff, Joan Holt-Voter, Ron Fichtner

Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Chair Reed introduced the Members and Town staff present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Reed recognized Ron Fichtner, not a Truro registered voter, who commented on the proposed new DPW Facility and requested a review of the proposed project with three recommendations.

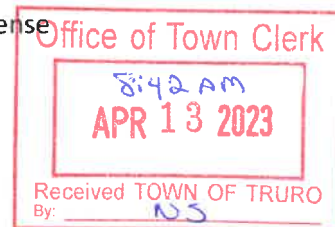
Chair Reed recognized DPW Director Cabral who reminded the public that on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 5 pm, there will be a public event at the Community Center to discuss the Mill Pond Project and DPW's Feasibility Updated Cost Analysis. The event should last about three hours to include presentations, comments, and questions.

DPW Director Cabral added that starting this Friday, and every Friday until March 24, 2023, from 2 pm to 4 pm, he will be available for "Open Hours" at the Community Center to answer any questions the public may have about the Mill Pond Project or the DPW's Feasibility Study.

Chair Reed recognized Joan Holt, a Truro resident, who commented on projected coastal flooding in Truro due to sea level rise. Ms. Holt requested that the Select Board establish a task force to address the projected flooding in specific areas south and north of Pamet Harbor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Captain's Choice, 4 Highland Road, Application for a Seasonal Entertainment License



Chair Reed opened the public hearing and read the public hearing notice. Chair Reed recognized Town Manager Tangeman who provided an update on this license application (weekday license) prior to Ms. Wageman's presentation. Chair Reed, with input from Town staff, explained to Ms. Wageman the procedural process for the application approval in this matter as required under Massachusetts General Law. There were no public comments or questions on this matter.

Member Dundas made a motion to close the hearing.

Member Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

Chair Reed made a motion to approve a 2023 annual weekday entertainment license for Captain's Choice with a start time of 3 pm and an end time of 5 pm.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

Chair Reed invited Ms. Wageman to appear at the next Select Board meeting to review a yet to be submitted 2023 annual weekend entertainment license for Captain's Choice.

B. Salty Market Farmstand, Inc. Change of Classification Alcohol License, 2 Highland Road

Chair Reed opened the public hearing and read the public hearing notice. Chair Reed recused herself from voting on this matter. Mr. Rowland presented the reasons for the license.

Assistant Town Manager Clark clarified and replied to a question from Vice Chair Weinstein regarding "off premise" that was included in the Applicant's request for a license.

Chair Reed asked if anyone from the public had any questions or comments and there were none.

Member Dundas made a motion to close the hearing.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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



Chair Reed turned over the meeting to Vice Chair Weinstein for the vote on the Applicant's application.

Member Dundas made a motion to approve the application in this matter.

Member Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye

Chair Reed – Abstained

So voted, 3-0-1, motion carries.

C. Eversource Energy Petition for 81 South Pamet Road

Chair Reed opened the public hearing and read the public notice. Chair Reed recognized Ms. Jackson who presented the reasons for the application.

Members and Ms. Jackson discussed the need for an officer onsite for the project.

Chair Reed asked if anyone from the public had any questions or comments and there were none.

Member Dundas made a motion to close the hearing.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve the application in this matter.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

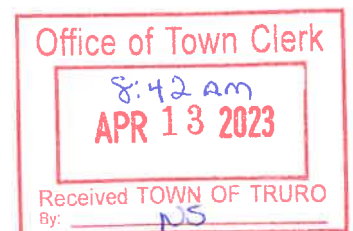
INTRODUCTION TO NEW EMPLOYEES

None

STAFF/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Cape Cod Commission Update

Presenters: Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission Executive Director and Kevin Grunwald, Truro Representative to the Cape Cod Commission



Prior to Ms. Senatori's presentation, Chair Reed received unanimous support from the Members to move this agenda item forward to be respectful of Ms. Senatori's time before conducting the next agenda item.

Chair Reed recognized Ms. Senatori who thanked Mr. Grunwald and Ms. Sallie Tighe for their hard work. Ms. Senatori provided a high-level overview to the Members highlighting water quality, climate change, and housing.

Chair Reed recognized Mr. Grunwald thanked Ms. Senatori for her kind words and commented on how well the Cape Cod Commission operates.

Chair Reed recognized Ms. Tighe who commented that Ms. Senatori does phenomenal work in her role.

Ms. Senatori and Members briefly discussed freshwater initiatives and the inadequate internet service throughout Barnstable County.

Chair Reed recognized Ms. Colvin who encouraged the public to stay informed by following the Cape Cod Commission's social media accounts.

Members unanimously thanked Ms. Senatori and her staff for their great work.

Chair Reed asked if there were any members of the public who wanted to comment and there were none.

Ms. Senatori thanked the Members for their support and departed the meeting.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview and Appoint Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission Truro Representative Vacancy

Applicants: Susan Areson, Carol Santos, Robert Weinstein

Chair Reed announced that she had received a letter from the National Seashore with an invitation to the Select Board to nominate two individuals for consideration in appointing one voting member and one voting alternate member. Chair Reed stated that due to Member Rein's absence, Member Areson and Vice Chair Weinstein would need to vote on each other's application as well as Ms. Santos' application. Chair Reed added that the interview questions would be the Select Board's approved standardized questions.

Chair Reed interviewed the Applicants in the following order: Member Areson, Ms. Santos, and Vice Chair Weinstein.

Chair Reed made a motion to nominate Bob Weinstein as a voting member to the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission for a 2-year term.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:



Member Areson – Aye
Member Dundas – Aye
Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 4-0-0, motion carries.

Chair Reed made a motion to nominate Sue Areson as an alternate voting member to the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission for a 2-year term.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson – Aye
Member Dundas – Aye
Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 4-0-0, motion carries.

After the vote, Chair Reed thanked Ms. Santos for her application and encouraged her to remain active in the Truro community as there would be other opportunities for her to serve on other commissions and committees. Ms. Santos thanked the Members and congratulated Vice Chair Weinstein and Member Areson before departing the meeting.

TABLED ITEMS

None

SELECT BOARD ACTION

A. Discussion and Appointment of a Select Board Representative to the Financial Policies Working Group
Presenter: Alex Lessin, Finance Director: Treasurer/Collector

Chair Reed recognized Finance Director Lessin who presented the necessity of this appointment and provided an overview of the Financial Policies Working Group. Member Areson expressed interest in the role and Members voiced their support.

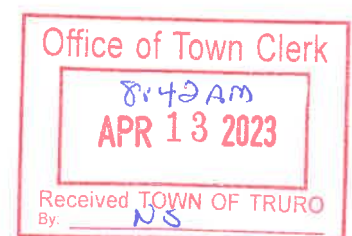
Chair Reed made a motion to appoint Member Areson as the Select Board Representative to the Financial Policies Working Group.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson – Aye
Member Dundas – Aye
Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 4-0-0, motion carries.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Vote by Mail Option
Presenter: Kaci Fullerton, Town Clerk



Chair Reed recognized Town Clerk Fullerton who presented on the Vote by Mail Option to include the projected costs to include postage and the rate of \$15/hour for an hourly assistant to help with counting ballots.

Members discussed the following highlighted topics with Town Clerk Fullerton: the size of the communities in Massachusetts which opted out of the vote by mail option and the clarification of what would be voted on tonight.

Members agreed unanimously not to opt out of the voting by mail option so there was no need to schedule a public hearing on the matter.

Chair Reed recognized Ms. Holt who stated that she appreciated the Members' support for the voters.

Member Dundas made a motion to continue to offer Truro vote by mail option for local elections.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

C. Preliminary Review and Discussion of 2023 Annual Town Meeting Articles and Discussion on Fall 2023 Special Town Meeting

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Chair Reed suggested an overview of this agenda item tonight with the Members as there was a Member absent this evening. Members agreed with Chair Reed's assessment for the need of a fall Town Meeting.

Chair Reed recognized Town Manager Tangeman who highlighted the most important Articles from the Town staff's perspective. Members had no comments after Town Manager Tangeman presented his list.

Chair Reed announced that Town staff had the guidance to schedule a fall Town Meeting and dates will be discussed further with input from the Town Moderator and citizens.

D. Review and Approve Herring River Intermunicipal Agreement

Presenters: Katie Klein, Town Counsel and Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Town Manager Tangeman and Town Counsel Klein provided an update on the IMA which had been previously approved by the Members.

Member Dundas made a motion to electronically approve the Herring River Intermunicipal Agreement between Truro and Wellfleet with attachments.

Member Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye



Vice Chair Weinstein – Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 4-0-0, motion carries.

E. Discussion and Possible Approval of Vote to Eliminate Chair Comments on Applications to Serve
Presenters: Barbara Carboni, Town Planner and Land Use Counsel and Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Due to Member Rein's absence and Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni's required attendance at a Wellfleet Select Board meeting within the hour, Chair Reed announced that this agenda item will be a discussion only this evening with no votes. A continued discussion and possible vote at an upcoming meeting. No Members voiced opposition to this decision.

Town Manager Tangeman presented background and the intent to eliminate the Chair comments on Applications to Serve as it may be perceived as "*ex parte*" communications. Members discussed the following highlighted topics: eliminating the Chair comments, change the language to allow the applicants to speak to either the Chair or a member of a board/committee/commission during the process to learn about the duties, time commitment and focus of the board/committee/commission, and develop language clarity among the appointing authority and board/committee/commission Chairs.

Chair Reed recognized Chair Greenbaum who commented on the distinction between appointed boards and elected boards as well as the differences to fill a vacancy on an elected board and an appointed board. Chair Greenbaum commented that it was very beneficial to applicants to be able to have discussions with a Chair of a board/committee/commission on which an applicant had an interest to serve.

Chair Reed recognized Chair Medoff who commented on the importance of an applicant speaking to a Chair and it was also telling if an applicant did not speak to a Chair or anyone serving on a board/committee/commission to which the applicant had applied.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:

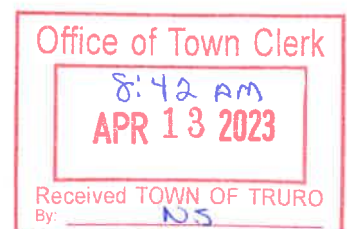
1. Route 6 Resurfacing Project Letter to MassDOT

B. Review and Approve: Savory & the Sweet Escape-Common Victualer, Top Mast Café-Common Victualer

C. Review and Approve Select Board Minutes: Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes of 1.10.2023; Budget Task Force Minutes of 1.10.2023; Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes of 12.13.2022; Select Board Meeting Minutes of 11.15.2022

Member Areson had corrections for the minutes on 1/10/2023 regarding firefighter/paramedics, license(d) missing "d", and the term "daycare" should be "pre-K program", and the paragraph in which Member Areson spoke about the "Walsh Committee" should be corrected to the "Local Comprehensive Plan Committee".

Member Areson also had a correction for the 12/13/2022 minutes, on page 2, as "alternative" should be corrected to "alternate".



Town Manager Tangeman also noted that “Regional Ambulatory Plan” should be corrected to “Regional Ambulance Plan”.

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed in the packet with Member Areson’s editorial corrections.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Member Dundas commended the DPW’s efforts and Town staff for the remediation effort at the North Jetty and breakthrough. He recently visited the site with ZBA Vice Chair Chris Lucy. Member Dundas has spoken informally with individuals regarding water and he will speak more with Town staff. Member Dundas will follow up with Members later. The Conservation Commission will appoint a new Chair and the Conservation Commission’s agenda is set up for this coming spring. More information to follow. Member Dundas closed by noting his appreciation for all the work being done by the ZBA and the Planning Board for which he serves as a liaison.

Member Areson commented that she is the liaison to the Pamet Harbor Commission and updated the Members regarding the removal of the barriers and piping around the North Jetty and breakthrough. Member Areson said that the Town is still waiting for the date of the one day dredging of the channel and approach. Member Areson thanked the Truro Central School Family Group for the survey that they did and sent the results to the Members. Member Areson requested that she would like to add the Appointment Policy to a future agenda to address language changes and also add a section on Alternates who serve on boards. Member Areson also suggested that Members resume in-person Select Board hours at locations such as the Community Center or Library.

Vice Chair Weinstein briefly thanked colleagues for their support for his appointment as a voting member to the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission and he supported Member Areson’s suggestion of resuming in-person Select Board hours.

Chair Reed said that since the in-person Select Board hours topic was not on tonight’s agenda, this topic will be added on a future agenda. Members may decide individually if they would like to conduct in-person Select Board hours until it is discussed at an upcoming meeting. Chair Reed added that she will take everyone’s recommendations and comments made tonight about the Appointment Policy and application. Chair Reed concluded that she had nothing else to report.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tangeman reported to the Members that the Council on Aging has accepted offers for all open positions and these are great individuals who will join the Town staff.



Town Manager Tangeman also noted that the Town staff is exploring a number of contingencies and alternate options regarding the ALS transport and a possible extension of the contract with Lower Cape Ambulance Association. A cost benefit analysis will be presented to the Select Board within the next two weeks.

Town Manager Tangeman also noted the importance of updating several Town policies to include an example that there is a requirement that the Town Manager interview every candidate selected for interviews. Town Manager Tangeman commented that this practice is antiquated and inefficient. Recommended updates to Town policies will be presented to the Members at a future meeting.

Town Manager Tangeman then reviewed the agenda for the meeting on March 7, 2023.

Chair Reed reminded the Members and public that there will be a hybrid (in-person and remote) meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the Community Center to discuss the Mill Pond Salt Marsh Restoration Project and the proposed DPW Facility.

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Areson - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

Respectfully submitted,



Alexander O. Powers

Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff



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

Public Records Material Attachments

Legal Notice

Memorandum from Manager Kristi Wageman and Application for Seasonal Entertainment License

Public Hearing Notice

Public Hearing Notice

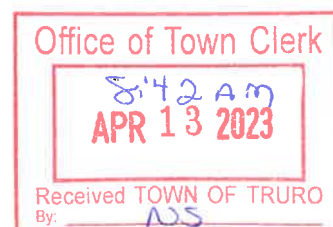
Application for Classification Change

Memorandum from Police Chief

Eversource Memorandum and Email

Petition for Underground Cable and Conduit Locations

Form of Order for Underground Cable and Conduit Locations



Certified Abutters List
Eversource Plan
Stamped Public Hearing Notice
CCNS Representative Request Letter
Application to Serve – Susan Areson
Application to Serve – Carole Santos
Application to Serve – Robert Weinstein
Planning for Town Elections Document
Election Advisory 22-01; Election Law Changes
Opt Out Vote by Mail Poll
Citizen's Petition-Community Livability and Sustainability Article
Citizen's Petition-Comprehensive Out-of-School Program
Citizen's Petition-Dog Restraint Regulations
Citizen's Petition-Mill Pond Restoration Project
Citizen's Petition-Zoning Bylaw Amendment Sec 50-2-B-2
Citizen's Petition-Proposed Charter Change to amend Section 5-4-2
Draft Preliminary Articles for 2023 Town Meeting
FY2023 Select Board Goals and Objectives
Herring River IMA
Printout of Online Application to Serve on a Board or Committee
Draft Letter to MassDOT
Renewal Application for 2023: Savory and the Sweet Escape
Renewal Application for 2023: Top Mast Café

