

Select Board Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting (Hybrid)

Via GoToMeeting Platform

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

Select Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager, Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager, Police Chief Jamie Calise, Fire Chief Tim Collins, Finance Director Alex Lessin, DPW Director Jarrod Cabral, Emily Beebe-Health and Conservation Agent, IT Director David Wennerberg, District Attorney Robert Galibois, Police Officer Anthony Camilo, Board of Health Chair Tracey Rose, Provincetown Select Board Member Leslie Sandberg, Provincetown Historic Commission Member Michela Murphy, Deborah Smulian (Applicant to Serve), Michael Forgione-Registered Voter, Karen Kinsella-Resident, Kevin Kuechler-Resident, Jennifer Cohen-Resident, Denise Mullen-Resident

Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and read the information for the public to access the meeting and participate. Chair Reed introduced the Members and Town staff present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Reed recognized Mr. Forgione who commented on the recent voting recount and stated that the Town administration inserted itself into the process and exceeded its authority. Mr. Forgione also stated that a recent Town press release incorrectly referred to the petitioners as “opponents” and Mr. Forgione requested that this be corrected.

Chair Reed recognized Ms. Kinsella who requested that the Select Board add as an agenda item for a future meeting a detailed review of the proposed DPW facility site as there is detailed information that has not yet been provided.

Chair Reed recognized Town Manager Tangeman who commented that the recount vote was completed on Monday and that he appreciated the hard work of the Town Counsel Lauren Goldberg of KP Law, Town Clerk Kaci Fullerton, and the Board of Registrars. Town Manager Tangeman also suggested that Ms. Goldberg provide a legal opinion based upon Mr. Forgione’s earlier comments and concerns.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

INTRODUCTION TO NEW EMPLOYEE

A. Patrol Officer Anthony Camilo, Police Department

Chair Reed recognized Chief Calise who introduced Officer Camilo and noted that he is a retired police lieutenant from Rochester, NY, with over 25 years of law enforcement experience. Officer Camilo thanked the Members and said that the community has warmly welcomed him and his family.

Members welcomed Officer Camilo to the community and wished him well in his new role.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview and Possible Appointment: Deborah Smulian to the Council on Aging Board

Chair Reed and the Members conducted the interview with Ms. Smulian using standardized questions.

Member Rein made a motion to appoint Deborah Smulian to the one-year, alternate seat on the Council on Aging Board which will expire on June 30, 2024.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

B. Interview and Possible Appointment: Deborah Smulian to the Commission on Disabilities

Chair Reed and the Members conducted the interview with Ms. Smulian using standardized questions.

Member Dundas made a motion to appoint Deborah Smulian to the Commission on Disabilities to fill a full member seat with an unexpired three-year term which will expire on June 30, 2025.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

STAFF/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Board of Health Regulation Updates Related to Title V

Presenter: Emily Beebe, Health & Conservation Agent

Chair Reed announced that Board of Health Chair Rose was present and then recognized Health & Conservation Agent Beebe who provided an update of proposed amendments regarding Title V regulations prior to the June 6, 2023 Board of Health meeting.

Board of Health Chair Rose provided a brief overview of recent work that the board is performing on behalf of the Town. Board of Health Chair Rose recognized Health & Conservation Agent Beebe's work and achievements.

Chair Reed noted that Provincetown Select Board Member Sandberg was present at the meeting and Member Sandberg commented on the water partnership and wonderful collaboration with Truro. Regarding wastewater management, Member Sandberg noted that she favored actions which were in the best interest of the region. Member Sandberg concluded that there are continued opportunities for collaboration between the two Town Managers of Truro and Provincetown which should yield positive results.

B. Board of Health Regulation Update on Transfer Station Fees
Presenter: Jarrod Cabral, Public Works Director

DPW Director Cabral announced that 6-Month permits and Swap Shop permits will no longer be sold effective June 1, 2023, as approved by the Board of Health. Weekly permits and Monthly permits with proof of stay will still be available for sale. The change in permits will result in \$8,000 in increased sales.

C. Presentation of Public Works Facility Site Cost Comparison and Potential Next/Future Steps
Presenter: Jarrod Cabral, Public Works Director

DPW Director Cabral then presented a detailed update on this matter and recommended a peer review of Weston & Sampson's deliverables and the construction methodology. DPW Director Cabral also noted that there are five sites under consideration for the proposed DPW facility. After the peer review, DPW Director Cabral suggested a discussion with Provincetown regarding a shared building or a regional facility. Town Manager Tangeman noted that there is a meeting with Provincetown Town Manager Alex Morse scheduled for June 30, 2023, where this topic will be discussed. DPW Director Cabral reviewed the other recommendations with the Members and noted that preliminary estimates are provided upon conceptual design. Upon final design, costs will then be provided for each line item.

Chair Reed reminded the public that there would be no Select Board vote on this matter and that she will accept public comments shortly.

DPW Director stated that Weston & Sampson will not build this proposed facility and then he reviewed the process required by Massachusetts General Law regarding design, bid, and build.

Members discussed the bid process in more detail, design contingency escalation factors, the continued delay of the project will result in increased construction costs in the future, a backup energy source for the building, and the attendance of only four residents who attended today's DPW Open House.

Chair Reed recognized Mr. Kuechler who stated that he attended today's DPW Open House and commented that Truro needed a new DPW facility. Mr. Kuechler also noted that the Public Safety facility should be considered for Phase I and Phase II Environmental Survey as the building has been in municipal use for 25 years.

Chair Reed recognized Ms. Cohen who said that she had attended today's DPW Open House and thanked the Town staff for participating in the event. Ms. Cohen requested that Weston & Sampson

provide the specifics of their estimate and expressed the need for a Traffic Study prior to a decision on a site selection.

Chair Reed recognized Ms. Mullen who commented that today's DPW Open House location was difficult to find on the Town website and the information was unclear. Ms. Mullen added that she and others had intended to attend the event but were unsure of the location. Ms. Mullen learned later that it was at the DPW facility. It was listed on the calendar, but the location was not. A brief discussion ensued among Members and Town staff about promoting events like this using social media, the Truro Talks Newsletters, the Town website, and the electronic highway board in Town. Ms. Mullen also suggested that contradictory information should be removed from the Town website.

TABLED ITEMS

None

SELECT BOARD ACTION

A. Cape and Islands District Attorney Robert Galibois Presentation on District Attorney's Office and New Initiatives

Presenter: District Attorney Robert Galibois

District Attorney Galibois provided an update on the District Attorney's Office and discussed new initiatives to include vertical prosecution, a newly formed unsolved homicide unit, a grant writing effort focused on human trafficking and opioid crisis-related available grants, the creation of a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, and the new creation of an annual report with specific collected data points that will be made available to the public in an effort to be transparent about those individuals being pursued for prosecution by the District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Galibois announced that the Cape and Islands will soon have a Mental Health Court.

Members congratulated District Attorney Galibois on his recent election and briefly discussed services available for domestic violence victims and the recent hiring of a prosecutor who will lead the District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit.

B. Proclamation of Mental Health Awareness Month (May 2023)

Presenter: Stephanie Rein, Select Board Member

Member Rein read aloud the Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation to the Members and the public.

Member Dundas made a motion to proclaim May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Town of Truro.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

C. Transfer Request and Authorization for Town Manager to Enter into Contract for Ambulance Purchase
Presenter: Tim Collins, Fire Chief, and Alex Lessin, Finance Director

Fire Chief Collins and Finance Director Lessin provided background information on this topic and the purchase process. Chief Collins noted that once a chassis is assigned, a Vehicle Identification Number is provided and the price for the vehicle is set. Finance Director Lessin stated that this was a terrific opportunity for the Town to save money by moving forward in this process. Members briefly discussed the buildout timeline of 2 years for the delivery of the vehicle and the challenges associated with the availability of replacement parts for aging ambulances.

Chair Reed recognized Mr. Forgione who commented on the optics regarding this topic. Chair Reed, Chief Collins, Finance Director Lessin, and Vice Chair Areson briefly responded to Mr. Forgione's concerns.

Vice Chair Areson made a motion to transfer \$420,000 from the Fire/Rescue budget and Group Health Insurance budget to the Fire/Rescue Capital Account for the purchase of an ambulance, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the transfer document, and to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement/ contract for the ambulance.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

Following the vote, Chair Reed invited Mr. Forgione to meet with her and Town staff to discuss ways to improve the Town's budgeting process before Budget Task Force convenes later this year.

D. Acceptance of Massachusetts' Underutilized Properties Grant and Authorization for Town Manager
Execute Associated Grant Contract

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Town Manager Tangeman thanked Assistant Town Manager Clark and DPW Director Cabral for their work to obtain this \$900,000 grant. Town Manager Tangeman noted that the Town is grateful to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Truro's award.

Member Weinstein made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into the grant contract and serve as the authorized signatory on the associated grant documents for the \$900,000 Underutilized Properties Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Community One Stop for Growth program.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

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

E. Discussion, Call for, and Possible Approval for Date for Special Town Meeting (Fall 2023)
Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Chair Reed announced that there was a recommendation for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, and the Town Moderator concurred with the recommendation.

Member Dundas made a motion to call for a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, October 21, 2023, with the Warrant opening on July 21, 2023, and closing on August 10, 2023.
Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Areson – Aye
Member Dundas – Aye
Member Weinstein - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

F. Discussion on Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS) Request for Proposal Process Regarding Truro Dune Shacks
Presenter: Kristen Reed, Select Board Chair

Chair Reed led this discussion and recognized Provincetown Select Board Member Sandberg and Provincetown Historic Commission Member Murphy. Provincetown Select Board Member Sandberg introduced Provincetown Historic Commission Member Murphy. Provincetown Select Board Member Sandberg provided background information as to Provincetown's objection to the CCNS's RFP program. The RFP process is flawed, and the Provincetown Select Board and the Provincetown Historic Commission would like to meet with their Truro counterparts as there was no input that would check the process. A Seashore Advisory Commission, that previously existed years ago, could have provided oversight on the CCNS's RFP program. Last night, the Provincetown Select Board voted, approved, and submitted a letter of objection to submit to a specific delegation of the Massachusetts Legislature (including State Senator Julian Cyr), Members of Congress from Massachusetts (including U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren), and the National Park Service.

Provincetown Historic Commission Member Murphy provided background information and how the CCNS's actions adversely affect the dune shack dwellers and President John F. Kennedy's commitment to protect the cultural landscape when he signed the creation of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Provincetown Historic Commission Member Murphy noted the CCNS's actions which were not aligned with President Kennedy's commitment. The CCNS has bulldozed shacks and has not compensated dune shack dwellers. The dune shack dwellers, since 2014, have existed on the land under a Special Use Permit unless an individual is still protected by a lifetime lease. There is one individual who is now 92 years old and to whom this applies but her children are not currently eligible for a lifetime lease by the CCNS. Provincetown Historic Commission Member Murphy noted that Truro has two dune shacks facing this situation.

Chair Reed and the Members voiced their support for Truro's shack dwellers and the need to be their advocates. Members discussed reaching out to federal officials including members of the Massachusetts congressional members.

Chair Reed and the Members also discussed the current situation adversely affecting longtime Provincetown resident and artist, 94-year-old Sal Del Deo, with the input of Provincetown Select Board Member Sandberg and Provincetown Historic Commission Member Murphy.

Members unanimously voiced their support for the actions taken by the Provincetown Select Board, were dismayed by the actions taken by the CCNS, and supported a motion to write a draft a letter to the National Park Service.

Chair Reed made a motion to appoint Member Weinstein and Member Rein to write a letter, in collaboration with Leslie Sandberg and Michela Murphy, to the National Park Service on behalf of the Select Board regarding the Request for Proposal Process for the Dune Shacks as soon as possible and prior to July 3, 2023.

Member Dundas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

G. Appointment of Select Board Representative to Stormwater Bylaw Article Working Group
Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Chair Reed announced that Member Dundas was interested in serving as the Select Board representative to the Stormwater Bylaw Article Working Group. Town Manager Tangeman noted that Health & Conservation Agent Beebe, and other Town staff, would work with interested Town boards and committees to break down silos and to obtain a comprehensive Bylaw for the Town.

Vice Chair Areson made a motion to appoint Member Dundas to serve as the Select Board's representative to the Stormwater Bylaw Working Group and to direct the working group to prepare an Article for the 2023 Fall Special Town Meeting.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: None
- B. Review and Approve Reappointment Renewals: Mary Rose-Community Preservation Committee
- C. Review and Approve Reappointment Renewals for Staff: Deputy Director of Community Services (Council on Aging) Michelle Peterson-Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Alternate Representative; Police Chief Jamie Calise-Keeper of the Lock-up; Conservation and Health Agent Emily Beebe-Representative to the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative
- D. Review and Approve 2023 Seasonal Licenses: Accent on Design-Transient Vendor
- E. Review and Approve Select Board Minutes: None

Member Rein made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed in the packet.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Dundas – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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

SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Member Rein reported that she had briefly attended the recent Beach Commission meeting where the commission discussed the installation of the Mobi-mats for the season. Member Rein also stated that she had attended the Disabilities Commission meeting and that the commission is preparing a new tile project for Puma Park in collaboration with the students from Truro Central School and Earthstar Playschool. The Disabilities Commission also discussed a request for Mobi-mats to be out year-round at two Town beaches so citizens and visitors with limited mobility could still have access to the beaches. Member Rein also attended the Recreation Advisory Committee meeting where there were lots of discussion and comments by committee members and citizens regarding the summer recreation fees and the lack of sibling discounts. Member Rein noted that she hoped that the Select Board would review the summer recreation fees again.

Member Weinstein thanked the Town staff for their efforts to hold tonight's hybrid meeting. Member Weinstein also announced that he has a scheduled meeting with the Superintendent of the CCNS this Thursday. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the CCNS'S removal of viable housing that was previously used to house CCNS lifeguards. Member Weinstein added that he would be happy to also discuss at this meeting the situation created by the CCNS regarding dune shack dwellers.

Member Dundas thanked the IT support team for their work tonight. Member Dundas also suggested ChatGPT training for the Town staff as it is a useful tool and generates huge outcomes. Member Dundas also noted that an article regarding veteran suicide will be posted this Thursday, in *The Provincetown Independent*, and that since 9/11 over 30,000 veterans have committed suicide. Member Dundas read a letter from Buddy Perkel thanking the Town staff (Damion Clements and Alex Reis) for their support during a recent celebration of life held for his late wife, Marla, at the Council on Aging.

Vice Chair Areson said that she had attended the celebration of life for Marla Perkel and the family was appreciative. Vice Chair Areson noted that the wetu celebration will be held on June 3, 2023. The wetu has been constructed and children from Truro Central School will participate. The Local Comprehensive

Plan Committee will have another public forum at the Community Center on June 15, 2023, to obtain comments for the draft plan. Childcare and food will be provided. After receiving complaints from citizens, Vice Chair Areson commented about using volunteers to clean Town highway islands which are overgrown. Vice Chair Areson concluded that she was happy about tonight's hybrid meeting and that she will attend the upcoming meeting on June 13, 2023.

Chair Reed thanked Vice Chair Areson for her participation tonight as she was in New York. Chair Reed wished everyone a happy Memorial Day weekend.

Prior to the Town Manager Report, Chair Reed asked Town Manager Tangeman if he wanted to comment on the overgrown Town highway islands. Town Manager Tangeman said that he will talk to Town staff about securing volunteers and prioritizing the clearing of the highway islands. Vice Chair Areson will contact Town Manager Tangeman to assist.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tangeman announced that he enjoyed attending the recent Senior Luncheon and he will continue to attend moving forward. Town Manager Tangeman said that he has office hours on Mondays from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. Residents are welcome to meet with him.

The Beach Sticker Office will open on June 10, 2023, and beach stickers will be required at all Town beaches starting on June 17, 2023.

Town Manager Tangeman reviewed the agenda for the next Select Board meeting on June 13, 2023.

Chair Reed and Town Manager Tangeman discussed adding the DPW Facility topic to all future agendas until the process is completed. There were no objections.

Member Rein made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexander O. Powers

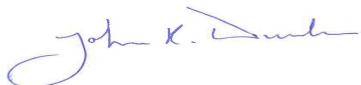
Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff



Kristen Reed, Select Board Chair



Susan Areson, Select Board Vice Chair



John Dundas, Select Board Clerk



Stephanie Rein, Select Board Member



Robert Weinstein, Select Board Member

Public Records Material Attachments

Legal Notice

Application to Serve – Deborah Smulian (Council on Aging)

Application to Serve – Deborah Smulian (Commission on Disabilities)

Proposed Amendments to Board of Health Regulations Section VI-Local Septic Regulations to Supplement Title V

4-24-23 Memorandum Regarding Proposed Amendments

Updated Cost Analysis

Fit Test for 2 Sand Pit Road

Phase 1 & 2 Environmental Map Locations of Test Pits and Monitoring Wells

Stretch Cod Opinions from Cape Light Compact and Westin & Sampson

Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

Draft Transfer Form

Award Letter from MassDevelopment for the Underutilized Properties Grant

Poll Results on Special Town Meeting Start Time

Descriptions and Photographs of Shacks Offered for Lease Provided by NPS

Request for Proposals by the NPS

Proposed General Bylaw: Stormwater Management by Drainage, Erosion and Sediment Control

Application to Serve – Mary Rose (Community Preservation Committee)

Renewal Application for 2023: Accent on Design