

Select Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023, Meeting (Hybrid)

Via Zoom 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; Jamie Calise-Police Chief; Jarrod Cabral-DPW Director; Damion Clements-Director of Community Services; Katie Thibodeau-Office Assistant, Community Services Department; Harry Irwin (Applicant to Serve); Jim Sloman (Applicant to Serve); Nancy Medoff (Truro Voter); Bob Higgins-Steele (Truro Voter); Kevin Grunwald (Truro Voter); Bruce Jensen (Senior Cost Estimator/Section Manager at CHA Consulting, Inc.); Tim Hickey (Truro Voter); Gail Wickstrom (Truro Voter); Debbie White (Truro Voter); Carol Harris (Chair of the Climate Action Committee); Joan Holt (Truro Voter)

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 the following individuals who commented on various topics not on the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Law: Ms. Medoff, Mr. Higgins-Steele, Mr. Grunwald, Mr. Weinstein, and Town Manager Tangeman.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

INTRODUCTION TO NEW EMPLOYEES

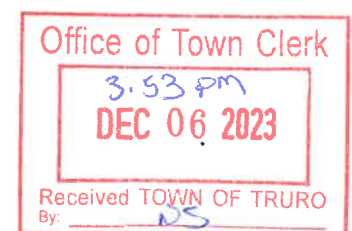
A. Katie Thibodeau, Office Assistant, Community Services Department

Director of Community Services Clements introduced Ms. Thibodeau and Members welcomed her to the Community Services Department.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview and Possible Appointment; Harry Irwin-Energy Committee

Chair Reed announced that the Energy Committee currently has a vacant one-year Alternate position and then led the interview with Mr. Irwin who appeared via Zoom.



Member Weinstein made a motion to appoint Harry Irwin to a one-year Alternate term on the Energy Committee which will expire June 30, 2024.

Vice Chair Areson 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; Jim Sloman-Pamet Harbor Commission

Chair Reed led the interview with Mr. Sloman who appeared via Zoom.

Member Rein made a motion to appoint Jim Sloman to a one-year Alternate term on the Pamet Harbor Commission which will expire June 30, 2024.

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

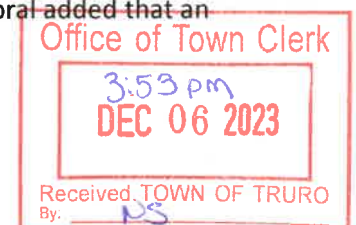
**A. Department of Public Works Facility Study Update and Peer Review Findings Presentation;
Presenter: Jarrod Cabral, Public Works Director**

DPW Director Cabral provided an update on a meeting with Cape Light Compact regarding federal tax incentives and the Public Works Facility Study. Mr. Jensen reviewed the Peer Review findings to the Members. Following the presentation, Members commented or asked questions regarding the following highlighted topics: the differential in grading, costs associated with a substantial retaining wall, the impact of waiting and how it would increase the cost of this project (approximately 4% increase per year).

Chair Reed then asked if anyone from the public wished to comment, and Mr. Hickey had several questions regarding the project.

**B. Update on Relocation of Buildings to 25 South Highland Road Presenters: Jarrod Cabral,
Public Works Director**

DPW Director Cabral provided an update on this topic to the Members and stated that there will be a public announcement on the Town website regarding this update. DPW Director Cabral added that an



update will also be mailed to direct Abutters. Without any unforeseen issues arising, DPW Director Cabral was hopeful that occupancy could occur in the spring or early summer of 2024.

TABLED ITEMS

None

SELECT BOARD ACTION

- A. Review Phase 1 of Climate Action Plan: Assess Vulnerabilities Presenter: Carol Harris, Chair of the Climate Action Committee

Prior to Chair Harris' presentation, Chair Harris expressed concern about the Town of Truro Select Board Agenda Item that had added language regarding "workload and time impacts to staff time". Chair Harris said that may not be true, and further, she was not notified ahead of this meeting of the added language. Members and Town Manager Tangeman noted that this can be corrected with a notation under a specific Select Board Agenda Item that this was the Town staff analysis of potential of Truro resources that may be utilized.

Chair Harris provided an overview and a review of Phase 1 of the Climate Action Plan.

After the presentation, Members commented and discussed the following highlighted topics with Town Manager Tangeman, and Chair Harris: the current status of lobstering in Truro, the reported lack of oxygen in the water, impact of economic loss of commercial fishing, ways to potentially create a climate action coordinator role in Town Hall dedicated to assist the Health & Conservation Agent and the Climate Action Committee, a possible Climate Summit, the concern about water, and the Members' support of an Article to create a climate action coordinator position and present the Article at Town Meeting, and adaptation to mitigate current and future climate events.

Assistant Town Manager Clark noted that there would not be "free cash" to fund a climate action coordinator until Spring 2024 due to the way the Special Town Meeting is structured but Town staff can search for potential grant awards as a solution.

Town Manager Tangeman added that through information, based upon market analysis provided by the Town consultant, the hiring range for a full-time climate action coordinator would be between \$61,000 - \$79,000 per year.

Member Rein made a motion that the Select Board appoint John Dundas and Stephanie Rein to work with the Climate Action Committee and all associated departments, and Town staff, to organize a Truro Climate Summit at a time yet to be determined.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

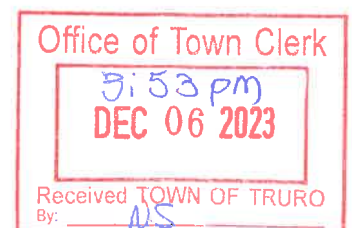
Vice Chair Areson - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed - Aye



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

Member Rein made a motion to direct the Select Board to create an Article for Spring Town Meeting to establish a climate action coordinator position and then seek funding for the position.

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.

After the vote, Chair Reed recognized Ms. Holt who commented on the topic.

B. South Highland Road Discussion on Safety Issues Related to Traffic Speed Presenter: Jamie Calise, Police Chief, and Jarrod Cabral, Public Works Director

Chief Calise provided background and an overview of the safety issues related to South Highland Road with additional information provided by DPW Director Cabral.

After the presentation, Members commented and discussed the following highlighted topics with Chief Calise and DPW Director Cabral: signage locations, changing a route with the Cape Regional Transit Authority, the presence of temporary business signs along the roadway which exceed the time allowed by the Bylaw, the state has the only authority to change speed limits in Town, width of South Highland Road, and potential fog lines or double yellow lines to slow motorists down.

Chair Reed recognized the following individuals from the public who commented on this topic: Mr. Hickey, Ms. Wickstrom, and Ms. White.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:

1. MADOT Event Notification Form for Truro Treasures Weekend-September 16th-Highland Road-Road Closure

B. Review and Approve Appointment Renewals: Mary Rose-Community Preservation Committee; Richard Larkin-Historical Commission; Jennifer Shannon-Taxation Aid Committee

C. Review and Approve Select Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of 5.23.2023, Open Portion of Executive Session Minutes 6.16.2023

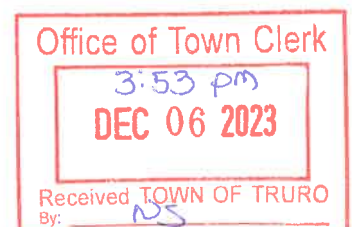
Prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda, Chair Reed announced her recusal on the Highland Road vote.

Chair Reed made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed in the packet with the recusal of the Highland Road vote.

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.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Member Rein stated that she had nothing to share this evening.

Member Weinstein said that he recently attended the recent OneCape Summit and he said that Truro should be ashamed of itself as so little has been accomplished regarding the housing challenges. It has adversely affected businesses and the ability of younger residents to remain in the Town. Member Weinstein stated his discouragement in the way the Town has not acted in addressing the housing challenges. Member Weinstein also commented on the unacceptable connectivity provided by Comcast that is constantly interrupted in Barnstable County.

Member Dundas thanked the Lower Cape Ambulance Association for its years of dedicated service to the community as the service ends on September 1, 2023. Member Dundas noted that recently there was a Provincetown/Truro Recreation Center get together at the Truro Central School and the feedback was very positive.

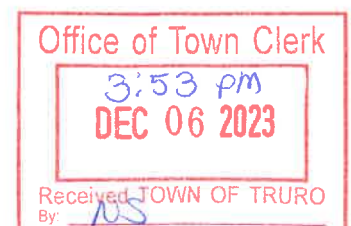
Vice Chair Areson thanked the Lower Cape Ambulance Association for their decades of service to Truro. Vice Chair Areson said that she is hearing great things about the Recreation Department from parents and families, and many have noted Austin Smith's wonderful contributions. Vice Chair Areson also provided updates on recent School Committee and Board of Health meetings and actions. Vice Chair Areson also noted that Michael Fee had been recently appointed to the Finance Committee.

Chair Reed thanked the Members for their hard on all the projects which they undertake and also noted how well the Town staff communicates with the public.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tangeman reminded the public that the deadline to apply for childcare vouchers is August 31, 2023. Town Manager Tangeman noted that the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting closes on August 10, 2023, and that four citizens' petitions have been received so far. Town Manager Tangeman reported that eight individuals attended his first Coffee with the Town Manager event last Monday and that he was impressed with the turnout and the topics discussed so he may do one or two of these events per month moving forward. Town Manager Tangeman highlighted that there were concerns about seasonal pet beach closures and the plan for the Walsh cottages. The educational panel discussion and municipal government forum for the community will be held on September 14, 2023, at 5 pm, at the Community Center. This will be a hybrid forum and more information will be released soon.

Town Manager Tangeman then reviewed the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.



Following the Town Manager Tangeman's report, Chair Reed asked Town Manager Tangeman for an update on the Housing Production Plan (HPP). Town Manager Tangeman reported that it was with the Planning Board for review. Once the review was completed, it would come to the Select Board.

Chair Reed and Town Manager Tangeman briefly discussed the staffing for the Building Committee (ad hoc or standing) and if the topic should be added to a future agenda. Assistant Town Manager Clark noted that the last time the charge was reviewed for the Building Committee was in 2011 so that should be the first order of business.

Chair Reed recognized Mr. Hickey who reminded the public of the upcoming "Concerts in the Summer" event this Thursday, at 6:30 pm, behind the library. Over 100 people have attended each of the most recent concerts. This will be the 6th of 9 concerts this summer and these events are free to the public.

Member Rein made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Vice Chair Areson 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.

Respectfully submitted,

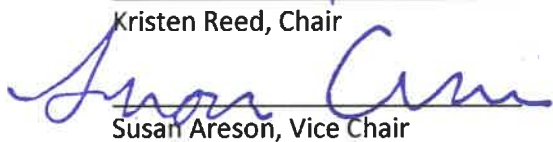


Alexander O. Powers

Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff



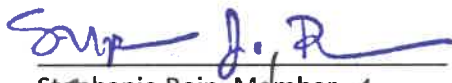
Kristen Reed, Chair



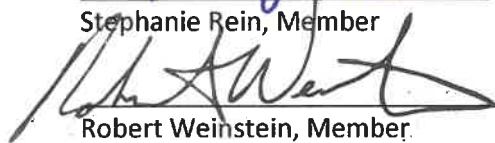
Susan Areson, Vice Chair



John Dundas, Clerk



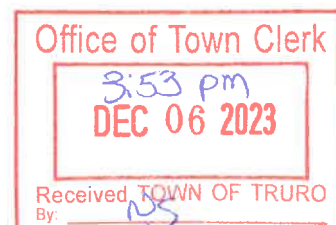
Stephanie Rein, Member



Robert Weinstein, Member

Public Records Material Attachments

Legal Notice



Application to Serve – Harry Irwin
Application to Serve – Jim Sloman
CHA Peer Review
Climate Action Plan
2023 Comments from DOT
Previous Speed Study
2017 Email Comments from DOT
Chief of Police Kyle Takakjian's Speed Study Request
Historic Speed Study Documents
MADOT Event Notification Form
Application to Serve – Mary Rose
Application to Serve – Richard Larkin
Application to Serve – Jennifer Shannon

