

Select Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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; Justine Alten-Library Programming and Community Outreach Specialist; Zoe Loughery-Library Technical and Youth Services; Galen Malicoat-Staff Librarian; Tricia Ford-Truro Public Library Director; Jon Nahas-Principal Assessor; Alex Lessin-Finance Director; Tony Jackett-Truro Harbormaster & Shellfish Constable; Elisabeth Verde-Town Clerk; Jarrod Cabral-DPW Director; Tim Collins-Fire Chief; Dan Smith-Shellfish Advisory Committee Chair; Gary Sharpless-Shellfish Advisory Committee Vice Chair; Tim Hickey (Truro Voter); Bob Panessiti-Finance Committee Chair; Amy Wolfe (Truro Voter); Betty Gallo-Truro Housing Authority Member; Fred Gaechter-Board of Assessors Chair; Kevin Grunwald (Truro Voter); Angela Gaimari (Truro Voter); Gary Garrison (Truro Voter); Anne Greenbaum (Truro Voter); Anthony Garrett (President of the Truro Part-time Resident Taxpayers' Association); Joan Holt (Truro Voter); Kenneth Oxtoby-Co-Chair of the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee and School Board Member; Eileen Breslin-Co-Chair of the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee

Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and read the information for the public to access the meeting on Channel 8 and participate. Chair Reed introduced the Members and Town staff present.

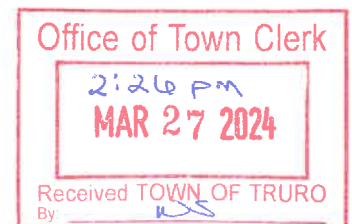
PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Reed recognized the following individuals who commented on various topics not on the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Law: Mr. Hickey, Mr. Panessiti, and Ms. Wolfe. Following these individuals' comments, Chair Reed recognized Town Manager Tangeman who announced that on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 5 pm, at the Community Center, there will be an educational hybrid and in-person event led by a panel to discuss the roles and responsibilities of each branch of local government as well as regulatory bodies. The public is welcome to ask difficult questions and Town Moderator Paul Wisotzky will moderate the event.

Ms. Wolfe then requested that more specific information regarding the upcoming event be provided as the information posted around Truro is very vague. Town Manager Tangeman replied that specific information is posted on the Truro website as well as on the electronic road boards. Members noted that the information should be posted as "educational forum on Truro government" versus "educational forum" to avoid confusion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Amendments to Shellfish Regulations



Presenter: Dan Smith, Shellfish Advisory Committee Chair

Chair Reed opened the public hearing on amendments to shellfish regulations and read aloud the public notice.

Chair Reed recognized Chair Smith (joined virtually), Harbormaster Jackett, and Vice Chair Sharpless.

Chair Smith provided background information on this topic and noted that the committee had suggestions of items which should be amended. Chair Reed asked Chair Smith to highlight the suggestions which would have the largest and most significant impact upon the public.

Chair Smith highlighted the following suggested changes which included: one license equals one 10-quart bucket, fee changes (resident rate for U.S. military veterans and resident rate for non-resident Town employees), clarifications to use consistent language throughout the regulations, people fill their holes and replant shellfish that they uncover but don't put in their buckets, permit holders should not rake in eel or sedge grass, and permit holders should use wire baskets.

Members commented and discussed the following topics: a consideration for the allowance of digital permits for mobile devices versus a visible physically worn permit, consider the addition of a statement to the regulation that there be no dog on the flats during the flats being open for public shell fishing, and how the determination of \$125 for a non-resident annual permit was made.

Chair Reed recommended that the dog issue be addressed at another meeting and for the Members to pass the other recommendations.

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

Chair Smith noted that the committee will submit recommendations to the Select Board in the next month or so in regard to commercial shellfish amendments.

Member Weinstein made a motion to close this hearing.

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.

Member Rein made a motion to approve the amended Shellfish Regulations as proposed by the Shellfish Advisory Committee and authorize the Board to electronically sign.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

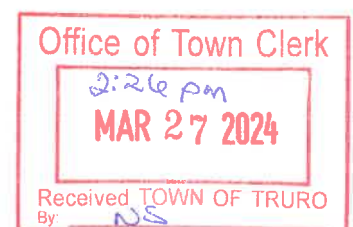
Vice Chair Areson - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye



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

B. Tax Classification Hearing

Presenter: Jon Nahas, Principal Assessor

Chair Reed opened the public hearing and read the public hearing notice.

Principal Assessor Nahas reviewed the FY2024 assessed property values for Truro, the FY2024 tax levy, tax levy options, the residential exemption, the expanded rental residential exemption, the residential exemption calculation, the residential exemption impact on the tax rate, FY2024 residential exemptions to be granted if approved and number of parcels in each value class, and the summary of the Board of Assessors' recommendations.

Following Principal Assessor Nahas' presentation, Vice Chair Areson and Finance Director Lessin thanked him for his hard work.

Chair Reed recognized the following members of the public who commented on this topic: Mr. Grunwald, Ms. Gaimari, Mr. Garrison, Ms. Greenbaum, Mr. Garrett, Ms. Holt, Mr. Hickey, and Ms. Greenbaum.

Vice Chair Areson made a motion to close this hearing.

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.

On the matter of classifying the tax rate, Chair Reed made a motion not to approve a residential factor of "1".

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.

On the matter of an open space discount, Chair Reed made a motion not to grant an open space discount.

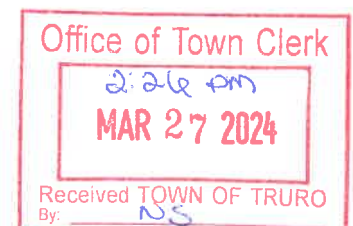
Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

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.

On the matter of a small commercial exemption, Chair Reed made a motion not to grant a small business exemption.

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.

Following this vote, Chair Reed and the Members discussed how the Select Board determined the percentage for the Residential Tax Exemption (RTE). To demonstrate transparency with the public, the Members stated the following regarding taking the RTE: Chair Reed takes the RTE as do Vice Chair Areson and Member Weinstein. Member Dundas and Member Rein do not take the RTE.

The discussion among the Members that followed included each Member's thoughts on whether the RTE should be reduced, remain unchanged, or be increased.

On the matter of a residential exemption, Chair Reed made a motion to grant a RTE of 30%.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Areson - Nay

Member Dundas - Nay

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

So voted, 3-2-0, motion carries.

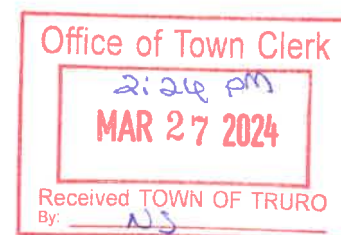
After the vote, Principal Assessor Nahas announced that the preliminary excess levy capacity for FY2024 would be \$261,582.

INTRODUCTION TO NEW EMPLOYEES

A. Introductions to Library Staff: Justine Alten, Library Programming and Community Outreach Specialist; Zoe Loughery, Library Technical and Youth Services; Galen Malicoat, Staff Librarian
Presenter: Tricia Ford, Truro Public Library Director

Library Director Ford introduced the library staff and the Members thanked the library staff for all that they do for the community.

B. Introduction to Town Clerk: Elisabeth Verde
Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager



Town Manager Tangeman introduced Town Clerk Verde and the Members warmly welcomed her.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None

STAFF/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Public Works Facility General Update and Discussion

Presenter: Jarrod Cabral, DPW Director

DPW Director Cabral provided a brief update and the highlighted topics included: DPW Director Cabral's office hours (at the DPW, each Friday from 2-4 pm through Town Meeting); the informational video in regard to the DPW facility will be ready for viewing online on September 19, 2023; August 25, 2023 meeting between the Town's consultant and DPW Director Cabral; the RFQ process; DPW has 17 vehicles which are used as rolling stock and utilized year-round; there is no evidence or data of a buried gas tank at 340 and 344 Route 6, and furthermore, there is no evidence or data of water contamination at those locations; and questions regarding fire suppression and sprinkler requirements based upon building use code.

Members and DPW Director Cabral commented and discussed the following topics: issue of vehicles not being housed during extremely cold conditions; and the designation of the DPW facility as a first responder (recognized by the federal government but not the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) and how that may impact funding.

TABLED ITEMS

None

SELECT BOARD ACTION

A. Proclamation Declaring September as Suicide Prevention Month

Presenter: Select Board Member, Stephanie Rein

Member Rein presented and read aloud the proclamation that declared September as national Suicide Prevention Month.

Chair Reed made a motion to declare September as national Suicide Prevention Month in Truro.

Member Weinstein seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Areson - Aye

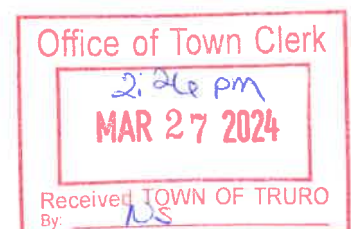
Member Dundas - Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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



B. Review and Approve Ambulance Rates Effective September 1, 2023

Presenter: Timothy Collins, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Collins (joined virtually) presented and reviewed the ambulance rates effective September 1, 2023.

Members and Chief Collins commented and discussed the differences between Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport and Basic Life Support (BLS) transport and the difference in the respective rates and the difficulty of Medicare and Medicaid collection of fees versus billing.

Chair Reed made a motion to set and approve the ambulance billing rate at \$1,927 for ALS transport, \$1,127 for BLS transport, and \$15 per mile for mileage effective September 1, 2023.

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. Discussion and Vote to Recommend Special Town Meeting Articles

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Town Manager Tangeman led the discussion in regard to Special Town Meeting articles.

In regard to the Article to Continue Community Involvement in the Walsh Design and Development Process – Petitioned Article, Chair Reed recognized Ms. Greenbaum who said that the intent of the article was to ensure continued community involvement in the Walsh design and development process regarding the Walsh Property. Co-Chair Oxtoby provided input on the article.

Town Manager Tangeman presented Town Counsel John Giorgio's concerns about this article's legality, the article's language and the staff's involvement with the committee.

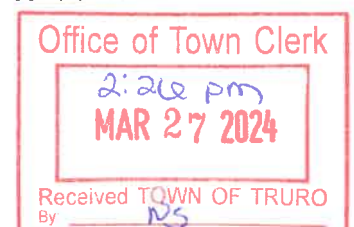
Member Rein, as the committee liaison, noted that she had a proposal for the Members to consider and Chair Reed stated that the Members would not take a vote this evening on Member Rein's proposal. Chair Reed then invited Co-Chair Breslin (joined virtually) who commented on the continuing the communication to the community. Chair Reed stated that this topic could be discussed in more detail and voted upon on September 19, 2023.

Regarding the Truro Central School Debt Exclusion Article, DPW Director Cabral stated the need for \$1,400,000, more or less, associated with engineering services, construction, and repairs related to the HVAC system and roof repairs for the Truro Central School.

Chair Reed made a motion to recommend borrowing authorization for the Truro Central School's HVAC and roof repairs as printed.

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.

In regard to the Change in Use of 340 Route 6 Article, Chair Reed recognized School Board Member Oxtoby who spoke regarding the change in use of 340 Route 6 and Member Oxtoby also thanked the Select Board for voting on this article.

Chair Reed made a motion to recommend a change in use of 340 Route 6 as printed.
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.

Regarding the Borrowing Authorization for the Engineering and Construction of the Public Work Facility Article, Chair Reed asked the Members if they were comfortable to vote on this topic and there was no opposition.

Chair Reed made a motion to recommend borrowing authorization for the engineering and construction of the public works facility as printed.
Vice Chair Areson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

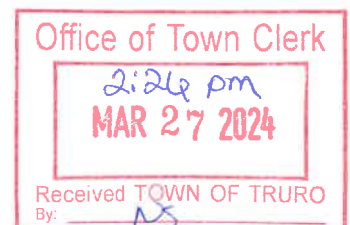
Vice Chair Areson - Nay
Member Dundas - Aye
Member Weinstein - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 4-1-0, motion carries.

In regard to the Borrowing Authorization for the Engineering of the Public Works Facility, Assistant Town Manager Clark noted that the phrase "and construction" was erroneously added to the article and that this article is only for the costs of engineering. As such, the phrase "and construction" was removed from the article.

Chair Reed made a motion to recommend borrowing authorization for the engineering and of the public works facility as printed and with the change noted by Assistant Town Manager Clark.
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.

Regarding the DPW Campus Design and Development Project for the Town Hall – Petitioned Article, Chair Reed noted that Kevin Kuechler and Anthony Garrett had previously requested to present this article. Member Rein noted that neither had been informed that this article would be discussed this evening so the decision was made to invite them to the meeting on September 19, 2023, so they could present. There was no vote this evening.

In regard to the Senior Pass Program – Petitioned Article, Chair Reed recognized Ms. Holt who was present. Chair Reed asked Assistant Town Manager Clark to provide Town Counsel's feedback on the article. Assistant Town Manager Clark stated that the Town Counsel noted that the article was not in proper legal form as Massachusetts General Law stated that the Select Board is the fee setting body and not Town Meeting. Several options to include a non-binding resolution at the Town Meeting were discussed with Town Manager Tangeman and Assistant Town Manager Clark. After Chair Reed announced that there would be no vote tonight, Ms. Holt requested that she be furnished with a copy of the Town Counsel's legal opinion and Chair Reed instructed Town staff to coordinate.

Regarding the Amend Zoning Bylaw § 40.1—Duplex Houses and Amend Zoning Bylaw § 30.8(B)—Special Permits, Chair Reed briefly led the discussion with the Members.

Chair Reed made a motion to recommend to Amend the Zoning Bylaw §40.1 – Duplex Houses as printed.

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.

Chair Reed made a motion to recommend to Amend the Zoning Bylaw §30.8(B) – Special Permits as printed.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson - Aye

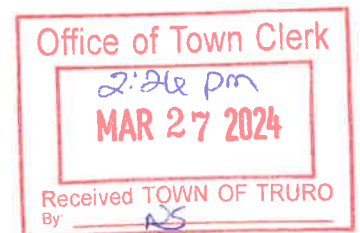
Member Dundas - Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Chair Reed – Aye

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



Town Manager Tangeman announced that the article regarding the Noons' property acquisition would be more appropriate to consider for the spring Town Meeting for several reasons to include ongoing

negotiations. There were no objections from the Members and the Members unanimously agreed not to vote on this article so there was no vote.

D. Vote to Assign Select Board Liaison to Ad Hoc Building Committee for Public Works Facility

Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Chair Reed led the brief discussion on this topic as Member Weinstein was the only member interested in serving on the committee.

Chair Reed made a motion to appoint Member Weinstein to serve as the liaison to the Ad Hoc Building Committee for the Public Works Facility.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: NONE

B. Review and Approve Appointment Renewals: Madelyn Cordeiro-Human Services Committee

C. Review and Approve Select Board Minutes: NONE

Chair Reed made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed in the packet.

Vice Chair Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Areson - Aye

Member Dundas - Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

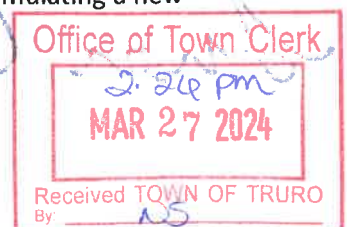
Chair Reed – Aye

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

SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Member Rein noted that the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee will meet tomorrow evening and the community forum on municipal government will occur this Thursday, at 5 pm, at the Community Center.

Member Weinstein commented that he had attended the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting yesterday and thanked the committee members for their hard work in formulating a new document that will be more user friendly.



Member Dundas reported that he also attended the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting yesterday and that he concurred with Member Weinstein's comments. Member Dundas noted that the Concert Committee met today, and it was a very successful year. Truro Treasures is this weekend and so be aware of the traffic.

Vice Chair Areson reported that the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee met yesterday and thanked the public for their attendance and comments. The LCPC will have a final draft by Monday, September 16, 2023, which will be distributed prior to the Town Meeting. The Finance Committee met today and is working on financial-related articles. The School Committee met last week and discussed whether or not to continue with the 6th grade. Children are currently being sent to Provincetown and Nauset at a cost of \$5,000 per student. Nauset wants to renegotiate their tuition agreement with Truro as Truro has not had a 6th grade in years. The tuition at Nauset is now \$20,000 per student.

Chair Reed thanked the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee for focusing on substance and reminded the community about the upcoming public forum on municipal government. Chair Reed also said that she wanted to return to the Select Board's goals and objectives with completion dates in mind. Members should also think about any process improvements for the Budget Task Force.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tangeman reiterated the upcoming public forum on municipal government will be on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 5 pm, at the Community Center. It will be a beneficial event.

Town Manager Tangeman then reviewed the agenda for the next meeting on September 19, 2023, and noted that the Town staff is tracking the approaching storm and will keep the public informed.

Member Weinstein made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 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

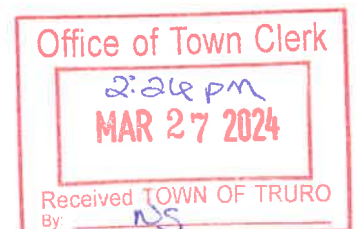
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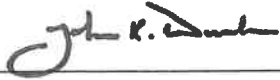


Kristen Reed, Chair



Susan Areson, Vice Chair





John Dundas, Clerk



Stephanie Reing, Member



Robert Weinstein, Member

Public Records Material Attachments

Legal Notice

Public Hearing Advertisement

Current Shellfish Regulations

Proposed Amendments to Shellfish Regulations

Shellfish Advisory Meeting Minutes July 20, 2023

Legal Notice

Recommendations from the Board of Assessors

State Tax Form LA-4 which indicates totals by class of the FY2024 certified parcel values

FY2024 Truro Residential Exemption Statistics, if approved, as of 8/31/2023

Proclamation

Ribbon Ceremony and Trainings Flyer

Ambulance Billing Rate Survey

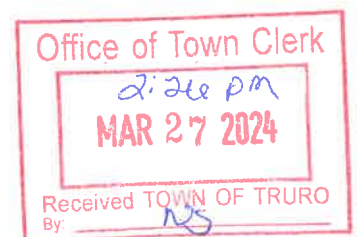
Articles for Consideration on 9/12/23

Policy 34: Select Board Liaison Policy

Ad Hoc Building Committee for the Public Works Facility Charge

FY2024 Boards and Committees Liaison List

Application to Serve – Madelyn Cordeiro



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