

TOWN OF TRURO
SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2020 at 8:30am
Remote Meeting Via GoToMeeting

Members Present: Chair-Robert Weinstein, Vice Chair-Kristen Reed, Clerk-Susan Areson, Member-Janet Worthington, Member-Stephanie Rein

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager-Rae Ann Palmer, Assistant Town Manager-Kelly Sullivan Clark, Town Accountant-Trudi Brazil

Chair Weinstein called the special meeting to order at 8:32am and read instructions on how citizens could listen, participate, or provide comment during the meeting.

He stated that the first order of business would be to approve the 1/12th budget and turned the floor over to Town Accountant Brazil. She stated that hopefully, she will not have to get their approval for an October spending plan as the Town is planning for their Annual Town Meeting in late September. She does plan to create the October spending plan in case something goes wrong and the Town is not able to complete their Annual Town Meeting and thus our actual FY2021 budget. She continued, stating that before them is a recommendation for spending for September. It totals \$1,955,000 which is \$262,000 over the required 1/12th amount.

Chair Weinstein had a general question. Under the provisions of the statute, the minimum requirement is \$1,729,649.25 and the current request exceeds that number in the amount of \$226,299.74. He wanted to know if the last time they approved a 1/12th budget, was the number also an excess of the minimum required and are there any implications going forward for exceeding the minimum? Town Accountant Brazil stated that the only implication would be if the Town fails to meet the minimum. DOR understands that communities have assessments that are due at certain periods, so they set a minimum amount to ensure that communities don't underestimate their necessary spending amounts. There is no hard and fast ceiling on a maximum amount.

Member Worthington made a motion to accept the 1/12th budget as printed, and to have the Town Manager forward it to the Department of Revenue for approval.

Member Rein seconded.

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

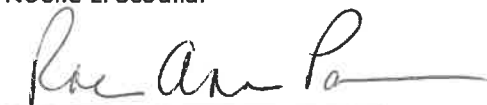
Member Areson made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:54am.

Member Rein seconded.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Noelle L. Scoullar



Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer
Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

