

Truro Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2019
Truro Town Hall Selectmen's Chambers

Select Board Members Present: Janet Worthington, Chair; Susan Areson, Maureen Burgess, Kristen Reed, Robert Weinstein

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Sullivan-Clark; Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent Brian Carlstrom

Chair Janet Worthington called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Rorro expressed concerns about the COA Director's unexplained absence and offered her support for the director.

Anne Ditacchio distributed her statement which she then read into the record on her perception of regulatory boards' (ZBA and Board of Health) failure to prevent development of an undersized lot on Beach Point.

Stephanie Rein requested that the required host community agreement between High Dune Craft Cooperative Growers and the Town be included as an agenda item on the next Select Board meeting.

Chair Janet Worthington read into record Joanne Barkin's letter discussing the Select Board meeting of April 23, 2019 and a letter to the editor that followed that meeting.

Chair Worthington also read Laurie Frottier's letter of thanks for the forgiveness the Select Board granted from her CDP loan for the affordable house on Gross Hill Road, Wellfleet.

TABLED ITEMS

Police Department's Rules & Regulations

Chief of Police Jamie Calise presented the updated Police Department's *Rules and Regulations*. The April 2019 version includes new job descriptions and other general updates. Changes include: the addition of a Deputy Chief and Master Patrolman positions; modifications to the Lieutenant position to reflect new agency command structure; removal of the dispatcher responsibility of processing prisoners, a practice that was abandoned for safety and liability reasons years ago; addition of a Malicious Gossip rule; and minor modifications and consolidation of language.

Robert Weinstein thanked Chief Calise for including his suggestions, but he had two others. He asked for rewording in the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics section that reflects our secular society and does not use the word "God." Chief Calise said it was boiler plate language from

1957, and he would not object to the change. Select Board members discussed making the change. Mr. Weinstein said it was not inappropriate for the Board to request it.

Kristen Reed moved to amend page 10 of the Police Department *Rules and Regulations* by removing the reference, "before God." Robert Weinstein seconded. The motion carried 3-2.

Robert Weinstein's second suggestion was to change the strictly male pronouns referencing the Chief of Police in Rule 15.1 on page 44. He asked that language be used to indicate both genders: "Except where the context otherwise requires, wherever words are used in only one gender, they shall be construed to include the other gender." Chief said that could be applied to the entire document. Ms. Palmer said that single gender references could be remedied by references to *Chief* and use of *he/she* or *they*.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the amended version of the April 2019 Truro Police Department *Rules and Regulations* Manual as referenced by Mr. Weinstein and as described by the Town Manager. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

SELECT BOARD ACTION

Discussion on Sharks

Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark, Beach Director Damon Clemons, Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer and Brian Carlstrom, Superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore, participated in the presentation on sharks. Using PowerPoint slides, Kelly Clark and Damon Clemons related the history of the Shark Working Group's initiatives since 2013 including the efforts to ensure greater shark awareness. Since the shark encounter in Truro and fatality in Wellfleet Ms. Palmer noted that the six Town Managers/Administrators that are part of the Cape Cod National Seashore and Superintendent Carlstrom formed a working group. Ms. Palmer discussed the cooperative efforts with the other towns and the Seashore and Truro-specific preparedness with better communications systems, emergency kits and rolling stretchers for the beaches. Superintendent Carlstrom displayed similar slides and discussed jurisdictional and safety issues at the beaches. The task force continues to get information out to the towns and beach goers, he said. He stressed that humans are the ones who need to change their habits in the water. He compared the shark situation to wild animal interactions with people in other national parks. Both slideshows will be put on the Town website, Ms. Palmer said. The Woods Hole Group's study is expected to be ready in fall. Superintendent Carlson is collecting more information on technology designed for detecting sharks.

Request for Temporary Borrowing Note

Town Treasurer Cynthia Slade explained the Municipal Purpose Loan, consisting of a fire tender at \$350,000; the East Harbor Culvert Repair Project at \$1,931,000; and the Walsh Property Land Acquisition at \$4,700,000 for a total loan amount of \$6,981,000. The Town's financial advisors have handled the sale, which took place on Thursday, June 6, 2019, and they worked to get the Town the best possible rate of 1.5960% for one year with a \$62,759.19 premium from TD Securities.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the sale of the Municipal Purpose Note for \$6,981,000 for the period of June 21, 2019 to June 19, 2020 at the rate of 1.5960%. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

OPEB Trustees

Town Accountant Trudi Brazil explained the need for a Select Board member on the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Board of Trustees, along with the Town Manager, who is to serve as an *ex officio* member, and Finance Committee Chair Robert Panessiti. The Town Manager would provide up to a year of time for the Board to solicit interested parties and conduct interviews without delaying the activity of a full Board of Trustees. The Chair of the Finance Committee Robert Panessiti, who was instrumental in assisting with the evaluation and selection of Rockland Trust as the trust investment management company and whose extensive knowledge and experience in finance and investments would prove invaluable to the Board of Trustees. Susan Areson expressed interest in serving as the Select Board member on the OPEB Trust.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the appointment of Select Board member Susan Areson, Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer and Truro Finance Committee Chair Robert M. Panessiti to the Board of Trustees of Truro's OPEB Trust. Robert Weinstein seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Draft Fiscal Year 20202 Goals and Objectives

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer presented the draft Fiscal Year 20 *Goals and Objectives* for the Select Board. They are intended to provide guidance and direction to the Town Manager, the Police and Fire Chiefs, and all those on the Town's multi-member bodies. The five categories covered are: Town services, fiscal management, public safety, community sustainability, and community engagement and governance. There will be a public hearing on the Goals and Objectives, but Ms. Palmer presented the draft as a starting point. She recommended continuing to focus on the current goals and objectives without adding many new ones. Ms. Palmer reviewed the items in each of the categories to determine what might be eliminated, kept or developed further. There was discussion on: regionalization ideas; a policy on changes to Town-property; the Budget process, including an early start; doing a services analysis; major projects in the Community Sustainability section; the Municipal Vulnerability Project; a range of housing options besides Affordable with input from Housing Authority Chair Kevin Grunwald; climate change as an additional consideration in Community Sustainability; exploring the development of a cultural district, a suggestion by Kristen Reed; studying boards/committees/commissions; Cape Cod Commission help for the next Local Comprehensive Plan; a new staff recognition event suggested by Ms. Palmer; and a handbook for appointed committees and the Select Board.

Items eliminated since they had been accomplished were TS-1 and 3 in Town Services; FM-2 in Fiscal Management; CS-3, 5, 6 and 7 in Community Sustainability; and CEG-4 in Community Engagement and Governance. An addition to Community Engagement will be exploration of a Cultural District for Truro. Ms. Palmer asked that Select Board members e-mail her any additional goals and objectives. The public hearing will be held on June 25, 2019 for evaluation of the FY19 Goals and presentation of the FY20 list.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: Application for an Entertainment License: Truro Concert Committee
- B. Review and Approve Staff Reappointments: Chief Jamie Calise – Keeper of the Lock-up; Susan Joseph – Registrar of Voters
- C. Review and Approve Select Board Minutes: May 15, 2019, May 28, 2019 and May 29, 2019

Robert Weinstein moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Robert Weinstein had met with the Cloverleaf Oversight Committee meeting, where an engineered drawing of the site, a reconfiguration that added more units to the large building, grading, and energy efficient measures were discussed. The Committee needs another Select Board member, he said. Mr. Weinstein announced an upcoming meeting of the Cape Cod Select Boards. Maureen Burgess said she was able to answer questions on the emergency kits at a recent Conservation Commission meeting. Susan Areson praised the improvements to Town website. Kristen Reed had attended two meetings: a Regional Economic Development Engagement listening session with Lieutenant Governor Karen Polito and the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy where economics, green and blue economies, tourism, Broadband, dredging and uses for the former Air Force Base in Truro were discussed; and a MSA leadership conference by the Mass Municipal Association on shared services and regionalization. She met Eastham Select Board Chair Aimee Eckman, who said she would be interested in meeting with Truro's Select Board. Chair Janet Worthington said that she, Rae Ann Palmer and Maureen Burgess had attended opening day of the Farmer's Market. She thanked the Part-time Residents Advisory Commission for their good effort even though that group did not develop as hoped. Ms. Worthington has been invited to the Truro Non-Residents Taxpayers Association to speak on the Walsh Property and is optimistic about good relations with the TNRTA. She had received a comment to relay to Robert Weinstein, MPO representative, concerning bike and pedestrian ways to the highway at the Cloverleaf property.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer reported on this busy time of preparation for the summer season and closing out the fiscal year. She said the community forum on the Walsh Property "Wishes and Worries," a facilitated event with snacks will be held June 27, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. She had attended a Cape Cod Commission meeting on rural policy with useful information on regionalization, hiring and keeping people, and conversations of municipal finance. She has advertised for two DPW positions and a Town Planner. The Cape Cod Commission may offer help with a Planner.

NEXT MEETING

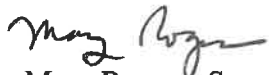
Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer reviewed agenda items for the next Select Board meeting: a public hearing on goals & objectives, the one-day entertainment license, a curb cut,

advertising for boards and committee openings, and a liaison to the Recycling Committee.

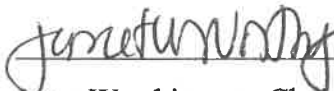
ADJOURNMENT

Robert Weinstein moved to adjourn. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers, Secretary



Janet Worthington, Chair



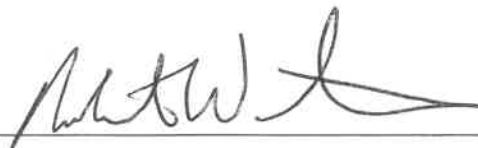
Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair



Susan Areson



Kristen Reed, Clerk



Robert Weinstein

Public Records Material of 6/11/19

1. Anne Ditacchio's statement regarding development of undersized Beach Point lot
2. Police Department *Rules and Regulations*
3. PowerPoint slides on sharks
4. Municipal Purpose Note
5. Draft Fiscal Year 20 *Goals and Objectives*
6. Application for an Entertainment License by the Truro Concert Committee
7. Staff Reappointment papers for Chief Jamie Calise and Susan Joseph

