

**Truro Select Board
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Remote Meeting**

Select Board Members Attending: Robert Weinstein, Chair; Kristen Reed, Vice-Chair; Susan Areson, Clerk; Jan Worthington; and Stephanie Rein

Attending: Acting Town Manager Jamie Calise; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark; Jarrod Cabral, DPW Director and Emily Beebe, Health and Conservation Agent

TRURO SELECT BOARD

Select Board Chair Robert Weinstein opened the Select Board Meeting at 5:00PM. He introduced the Board and guests to the meeting.

Public Comment

Deborah Best-Parker, a resident and voter in Truro, commented that she had a few questions: 1) Who will be paying for the survey on Pond Village? 2) If water is piped in who will pay the bill? 3) Is the Town watching the Bay and East Harbor as Condos are being granted year-round occupancy assuming all Beach Point area condominiums apply for year-round use 4) Who will pay for a “fix/cleanup”? 5) What is the long-term plan going forward? Ms. Best-Parker stated that she wished to continue to live in Truro and afford the taxes and drink the water. Any environmental blunder would cost huge amounts of money to fix.

Select Board Chair Weinstein, stated that the Board is not allowed to respond during Public Comment to Ms. Best-Parker’s questions, and provided that questions would be addressed at a future Board meeting.

Select Board Action Items

Discussion of Engineering Survey of Pond Village in North Truro for Town Water

Select Board Chair Weinstein stated that on October 27th the Board held a joint meeting with the Provincetown Select Board on municipal water. The Chair said during the meeting asked Superintendent Salisbury whether or not the current system could support an extension of a public water supply to the Pond Village area. Select Board Chair Weinstein asked to have DPW Director Jarrod Cabral address the engineering for a water system extension in North Truro to the Cloverleaf.

Select Board Worthington asked what the impetus was for this request and asked for clarification from the Health and Conservation Agent as to what studies had been done or will be done in the Pond Village area. She asked about the current quality of the water in the Pond Village area.

Chair Weinstein responded that the issue of water in that area dates back to 2014 when a baseline study was conducted on water quality issues in that part of North Truro and that there was a follow up study in 2018. He noted a storm that caused flooding and MADOT’s response to the cleanup with the work on the off-ramp to the State Highway. At the annual meeting with Provincetown, Chair Weinstein asked if it would be possible to engage an engineering firm to study the cost and feasibility of adding to the existing water system. He agreed with Select

Board Worthington that there should be a baseline of the current condition of the water. Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe reported that she engaged the Cape Cod Commission to complete a study for water in that area and she stated that she does not have a good sense of the water quality for that area. She highlighted the size of the lots in that area and noted that some properties might not have the ability to move their wells. She also noted a property on the pond where water quality is not good.

Health and Conservation Agent Beebe discussed the importance of really understanding the quality of the water in that area, adding that everything in that area is headed towards the pond. The Cape Cod Commission's analysis will prompt a wastewater management discussion that should include storm and fertilizer management.

Select Board Member Worthington stated that she was unclear if the Cape Cod Commission study included the drinking water from the individual homes. She added that they were tasked with a water quality analysis program to compare the water quality across different neighborhoods. She questioned what the cost would be and if the study would be designed as a tool for this watershed, as well as a tool for other parts of Town.

Select Board Clerk Areson asked how long the study was going to take with the Cape Cod Commission. Vice-Chair Reed stated for disclosure that she was a property owner on Pond Rd. She added that certain criteria allowed for her to deliberate and vote on this topic. Chair Weinstein mentioned that there are pipes on the south side of the roadway, which cross under the road and enter the pond.

Chair Weinstein added that it is important to determine a baseline for that part of town with the possibility of the expansion of a public water supply well. DPW Director Jarrod Cabral explained that the Town used EPG as an engineering firm for the Cloverleaf project. In 2018, the Provincetown Water Department did a study to make sure Cloverleaf could handle the hydraulic flow. He added that he had reached out to the Provincetown Water Department to see what data they would need to do an engineering survey for Truro. He added that he would like to see the scope of the proposal include a review all existing data, an estimate of the water line install, and information on storm water management.

Once the proposal is in, DPW Director Cabral recommends MADOT involvement, as the storm water runoff flows right into the pond. Select Board Clerk Areson asked if the information for the study was going out to bid. She also inquired on the room occupancy tax and whether Truro could take advantage of those funds. DPW Director Cabral stated that the MassWorks funding was specifically for the Cloverleaf, but that Pond Rd might be eligible for that sort of grant opportunity. He explained that the permitting must be done first then once can apply for a MassWorks grant. Select Board Clerk Areson asked about the cost and where the funds were coming from.

DPW Director Cabral explained that once the proposal is in for Pond Rd there will have to be a determination as to where the funds would come from. Select Board Chair Weinstein stated that there may be money left from some of the engineering firms that were contracted for or they could consider a Transfer from Reserve Receipts.

Select Board Vice-Chair Reed asked which areas are currently on Town Water. Health and Conservation Agent Beebe stated that staff keeps a spreadsheet on properties that are hooked into municipal water. She added that they are currently working to make the list more accessible. Vice-Chair Reed thanked Director Cabral and Agent Beebe and felt that it was important to discuss water quality as it pertains to the Cloverleaf and the health of the pond on Pond Rd. She commented that fire hydrants would also be useful in that area.

Select Board Clerk Areson asked for a tally of the condominium conversions for year-round use. Health and Conservation Agent Beebe stated that the information requested is also being compiled for the Chair of the Planning Board. Select Board Chair Weinstein noted that the Provincetown Water Superintendent stated that in order for the fire hydrants to maintain proper pressure, a water storage facility would likely be required to maintain pressure. Chair Weinstein questioned whether the feasibility study should be expanded and asked if the water pressure component could be added later in the process.

DPW Director Cabral responded that they would need an estimate of the number of homes that would be on Town water to make sure that the load would be handle the amount of pressure for each fire hydrant. Chair Weinstein commented that the water line would have to be constructed as a loop but was unclear as to its direction. DPW Director Cabral responded that the loop would go down Pond Rd, up Twinefield Rd and back towards Shore Rd, tying into Fire House Rd, which would isolate the line for maintenance.

Acting Town Manager Calise did not believe there were any funds available, but he needed to consult with the Town Accountant to affirm. Chair Weinstein felt that it was incumbent on the Acting Town Manager to seek the total costs of the project and determine if there are funds available for this engineering portion of the project. Select Board Clerk Areson asked how much money would be required for the study. Select Board Chair Weinstein recalled \$50,000 as a figure discussed in conversations with the previous Town Manager. DPW Director Cabral noted that for a project of this scope cost could be upwards of six figures. He added the scope of services could be adjusted.

Select Board Chair Weinstein clarified that the funding mechanism that he was referring to was reserve funds that can be transferred with approval from the Finance Committee. Select Board Chair Weinstein stated that this has nothing to do directly with Cloverleaf and added that they need to look at other sources of funding that may be available.

Select Board Member Worthington felt uncomfortable making a motion without direct figures. Select Board Chair Weinstein stated that they need the engineering study to get the overall cost and Town Staff could identify an available funding source to pay for the engineering work. Select Board Areson agreed that she wanted to see the cost beforehand and asked to wait until the Town Accountant and the Acting Town Manager have had a chance to discuss. She also asked if the funding would have to come from Town Meeting if they couldn't acquire grant money.

The Chair felt that there should be a placement on a future Agenda to have an answer from Town Staff about available funds for the engineer study. Select Board Areson asked that this

discussion be continued to their next meeting. Acting Town Manager Calise stated that he would speak to the Town Accountant about available funds. The Board agreed that they would continue the discussion as an Agenda item.

Select Board Vice-Chair Reed also requested an update on the consultant services for the Walsh Property. Acting Town Manager Calise responded that the remaining monies available for the Walsh Property is about \$92,000, and will need to encompass the costs of hiring the consultant and potential surveys.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:

1. *Truro Water Service Application for Sea Song Condominium Conversion (525 Shore Road)*

B. Review and Approve 2021 Annual Business Licenses: Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod (Lodging) and Chequessett Chocolate (Common Victualer)

C. Review and Appoint Kelly Clark to serve on the Barnstable County Dredge Advisory Subcommittee

D. Review and Approve Select Board Minutes: August 11, 2020, September 3, 2020, September 21, 2020, October 13, 2020, October 27, 2020, and November 17, 2020.

Select Board Vice-Chair Reed recused herself from the Consent Agenda item B as it relates to Chequessett Chocolate and informed the Board that she had some changes for the minutes. Select Board Areson added that she also had changes to the listed minutes. Select Board Chair Weinstein reported that in the minutes of the October 27th meeting, 2nd page, 1st paragraph, he requested that it read, "asked that in the future a public water supply could be extended to Pond Village Rd".

Select Board Member Rein added that she has a few corrections of the minutes that she will forward to Administration.

Select Board Clerk Areson moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed on the Agenda noting that Select Board Vice-Chair Reed has recused herself from the approval of Chequessett Chocolate license approval. Select Board Member Rein seconded the motion. Motion Passes, 5-0-0.

Select Board Reports or Comments

Select Board Clerk Areson noted that typically two members from the Select Board and two from the Finance Committee attend Budget Task Force meetings. She added that the Finance Committee has appointed two members and wasn't sure if the Board wanted to go through the exercise of appointing two member representatives. She also asked that the Board meet with the Community Preservation Committee at a future date, as she would like to be better informed on their decision making process. Select Board Clerk Areson asked the Chair to confirm if the Superintendent of Truro Central School is retiring.

The Chair stated that he will be attending the School Committee meeting and would try to get an answer before their next meeting. Select Board Vice-Chair wished everyone Happy Holidays and

a Happy New Year. She anticipated the handbook for Committees and Boards would be ready in January for the Board's review.

Select Board Member Rein reported that Bob Higgins-Steele of the Climate Action Committee did an interview on Lower Cape TV and encouraged the public to watch.

Select Board Chair Weinstein thanked the Board for their hard work over the course of the year and their ongoing support for the community.

Town Manager Report

Acting Town Manager Calise stated that the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee can meet virtually per Town Counsel's opinion. The budgets will be emailed for the various departments. The first vaccinations began today at Cape Cod Hospital for Covid-19.

Next Meeting Agenda

Select Board Chair asked for a continuation of the discussion on the engineer survey of the Pond Village area. The handbook for boards/committees was requested for the next Agenda if it was ready for review. An update for the perimeters for the Airbnb tax for the infrastructure projects was also requested, as was a joint meeting with the Community Preservation Committee in the near future. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed noted the requested update on condominium conversion numbers and asked for an agenda item for electing a Board liaison to the Walsh Property Planning Committee. She also asked if the Board was going to discuss the vacancy on the Planning Board. It was agreed that an applicant must come forward for the vacancy to be considered.

Adjournment

Select Board Chair Weinstein asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed so moved. Select Board Clerk Areson Seconded the Motion. Kristen Reed-Aye; Susan Areson-Aye; Jan Worthington-Aye; Stephanie Rein-Aye; Robert Weinstein-Aye. Roll Call Vote, Motion Passes, 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

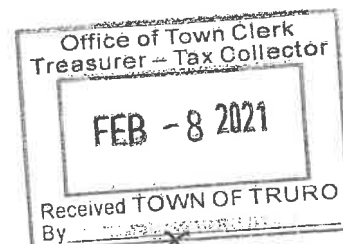

Nicole Tudor, Executive Assistant



Town Manager, Darrin Tangeman
Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

Public Records material of 12/15/2020

1. Water Extension Application-525 Shore Rd



2. Business Application Truro Vineyards
3. Business Application Chequessett
4. Barnstable County Dredge Subcommittee Letter from Co-Chair 7.20.2020
5. Select Board Minutes-August 11, 2020
6. Select Board Minutes-September 3, 2020
7. Select Board Minutes-September 21, 2020
8. Select Board Minutes-October 13, 2020
9. Select Board Minutes-October 27, 2020
10. Select Board Minutes-November 17, 2020

