

**Truro Select Board  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
Remote Meeting**

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

**Attending:** Town Manager Darrin Tangeman; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark; Planning Board Members: Chair Anne Greenbaum, Steve Sollog, Jack Reimer, Paul Kiernan, Bruce Boleyn, and Peter Herridge.

**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**

Emily Beebe, Health and Conservation Agent, reported that Phase II of the Covid-19 vaccine distribution starts February 1<sup>st</sup> for individuals 75 years of age and older. Those 65 years and older will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> group, as well as those with co-morbidities. She stated concern about the number of people trying to get the vaccine. The County is trying to start clinics County-wide for the distribution of the vaccine. The County will not be registering people until they have vaccine doses. Agent Beebe wanted to caution members of the public that the vaccine is not on the Cape for distribution yet. Truro is planning for distribution with its neighbors, Wellfleet, Provincetown, and Eastham. She asked members of the public to sign up on the ALERTruro system for information. This system will be used to dispense information to the public in addition to the website.

Helen MacNeil-Ashton reported that the Historical Society sent the members of the Select Board a letter proposing that a Native People's Committee be established in Truro and asked that this request be considered at a future Select Board meeting.

Betty Gallo thanked the Select Board for the recent transfer of \$50K from the Housing Trust Fund. She spoke of the application that people can complete for assistance for housing expenses. There are Case Managers through the Homeless Prevention Council. Contact the Homeless Prevention Council at 508-255-9667.

**Public Hearings-None**

Health and Conservation Agent, Emily Beebe, asked to state one more piece of information for the public. She reported that Stop and Shop is registering people 75+ years and older online for the vaccine.

**JOINT MEETING WITH THE PLANNING BOARD**

Interview of Applicant for Vacancy and Possible Vote on Filling Vacancy: Richard Roberts

Chair Weinstein stated that this joint meeting with the Planning Board is done in compliance with MGL Chp.41 §81A. The Town Charter is silent on the process for filling a vacancy for an elected body. He read from the section of 81A.

Anne Greenbaum opened the joint meeting with the Planning Board. She stated that her comments are in the Select Board packet. Richard Roberts gave a brief overview of his background, career, and interest in the Planning Board. He thanked the Boards for their opportunity to meet with him. Chair Weinstein thanked Mr. Roberts for his willingness to serve. Planning Board Member Kiernan asked Mr. Roberts for confirmation on his certification as a Professional Engineer. Mr. Roberts confirmed his certification. Select Board Member Worthington thanked Mr. Roberts for applying. Planning Board Member Boleyn read a statement to Mr. Roberts and thanked him for serving.

Select Board Vice-Chair Reed asked Mr. Roberts to speak on his opinion on development and affordable housing in Truro. Mr. Roberts felt that affordable housing is an important issue for the town to be pursuing actively. He stated some concerns about density and felt the ZBA covered the concerns over the last year. Mr. Roberts responded that his firm in New Hampshire did work on affordable housing projects. He also volunteered for Habitat for Humanity in Manchester, NH. Planning Board Member Sollog asked why he wanted to serve on the Planning Board. Mr. Roberts responded with familiarity in affordable housing, alignment design, roadway design, and building structures. All would assist the town of Truro. He added that he has worked in renovation and new construction as well. Planning Board Member Sollog noted that Truro has had difficulty keeping a permanent Town Planner.

Select Board Clerk Areson spoke of the controversial regulations that the Planning Board has taken up over the years: House Size Bylaw and Zoning for the Craft Cooperative Marijuana growers. She asked if the applicant had thought of any proposed regulations for the Planning Board. Mr. Roberts' reply cited the extension segments of the Zoning Bylaw including windmills, and house size in the National Seashore. He responded further that he would like to see that townwide. Select Board Clerk Areson commented that the house size limit did pass at Town Meeting. She thanked Mr. Roberts for his interest.

Mr. Roberts hoped that the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission meetings were going to start up soon. Planning Board Member Herridge spoke to the beauty of Truro and felt Truro in the modern day has become overdeveloped. He asked the applicant to speak to the beauty of the town and the risk of overdevelopment. Mr. Roberts agreed to its beauty and preservation with the protection of the National Seashore. Planning Board Member Herridge noted requests to build on lots that probably shouldn't be built on. He asked Mr. Roberts if development should be encouraged or limited. Mr. Roberts commented on the limit of building permits for homes which has not been reached over the years. He felt that consideration of condo conversions was equally important when considering limited resources. Planning Board Member Herridge asked Mr. Roberts if he was aware of the nitrates in the well water in Truro.

Select Board Member Rein asked what interpersonal skills the applicant possessed. Mr. Roberts responded that as Vice-President of the Engineering Firm where he worked for 23 years, he worked closely with municipalities. Planning Board Member Jack Reimer asked Mr. Roberts,

who served on the City of Manchester, NH Building Board of Appeals Board, about the steps of the Board's review. Mr. Roberts responded on the process and thanked everyone for their time.

Chair Weinstein thanked Mr. Roberts for his research and asked that he look at documents from the Department of Housing and Community Development (MGL 41 §81A-81GG). He asked that Mr. Roberts speak to future goals and objectives of the combination of growth and development and what role this regulatory body plays in that. Mr. Roberts responded that he would like to see the development of Route 6. He further explained the mix of commercial building types along Route 6 and the need for more choices and options for internet access if more people are to move to Truro full time.

*Select Board Chair Weinstein asked for a Motion. Select Board Member Worthington moved to appoint Richard Roberts to the Planning Board for a term ending at the 2021 Annual Town Election. Select Board Member Areson Seconded the Motion.*

*Roll Call Vote: Jan Worthington-Aye, Kristin Reed-Aye, Susan Areson-Aye, Stephanie Rein-Aye, Robert Weinstein-Aye. Planning Board Vice-Chair Sollog-Aye, Jack Reimer-Aye, Bruce Boleyn-Aye, Anne Greenbaum-Aye, Paul Kiernan-Aye, and Peter Herridge-Aye. Motion Passes 11-0-0.*

*Planning Board Chair Greenbaum called for a motion to adjourn. So moved, Planning Board Member Boleyn. Seconded by Planning Board Member Kiernan. Planning Board Vice-Chair Sollog-Aye, Jack Reimer-Aye, Bruce Boleyn-Aye, Anne Greenbaum-Aye, Paul Kiernan-Aye, and Peter Herridge-Aye. Motion Passes 6-0-0.*

#### **BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS NONE**

#### **STAFF UPDATES NONE**

#### **TABLED ITEMS NONE**

#### **SELECT BOARD ACTION**

##### **Discuss, Review and Approve that Truro join the Global Covenant of Mayors**

Carol Harris, Climate Action Committee (CAC) Chair, explained that the Global Covenant of Mayors provides support to member towns to develop ambitious and equitable climate action plans in line with the Paris Climate Accord Agreement. In the Charge of the CAC, there is mention that the Committee follow the US Mayor's Cities Climate Protection Agreement which will roll into the Global Covenant of Mayors. She explained the technical assistance that will be supported. In order to receive the support, the Committee has to become a member and complete a Climate Action Plan. She felt significant support will go towards developing the greenhouse gas inventory. There is no cost to join and it is a worldwide organization. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed reviewed the website of the Global Covenant of Mayors. She found the website to be very thorough and thanked Carol for her work. Select Board Member Rein also endorsed the request and felt that this organization would be fully supportive of the works of the Climate Action Committee. Chair Weinstein also thanked the Climate Action Committee for their efforts. Select Board Member Areson also thanked the Committee.

*Select Board Areson moved to approve the Global Covenant of Mayors and authorize the Chair to sign the application. Seconded by Select Board Member Rein. Motion passes, 5-0-0.*

#### **Review and Approve Corn Hill Conservation Restriction**

Fred Gaechter, on behalf of Truro Conservation Trust, welcomed and thanked the new Town Manager. He thanked staff for assisting with the oversight of the Conservation Restrictions revisions with Town Counsel. The Town must hold the Conservation Restriction while the Trust owns the land. It has been approved by the Conservation Commission, the Trust, and the Commonwealth.

Select Board Vice-Chair Reed asked if there will be a new tenant decision after the 30-year lease has ended. The lease would be extended to Castle Hill Center for the Arts if they were still interested in the property, pending the condition of the building. Chair Weinstein asked about Castle Hill Center for the Arts ability to maintain the property over the coming years. The Trust was informed that the summer rentals they received would be adequate to maintain the building. Mr. Gaechter commented that there is a septic upgrade on the property.

*Select Board Clerk Areson moved to approve the Conservation Restriction from the Truro Conservation Trust to the Town of Truro acting by and through its Conservation Commission in the public interest pursuant to section 32 chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reed. Motion passes, 5-0-0.*

#### **Discussion Regarding Annual Town Report Dedication and Cover for 2020**

Town Manager Tangeman reported staff makes suggestions annually to the Select Board for the dedication and theme of the Town Report. He mentioned previous themes on past reports. This year, the recommended theme is to recognize all health and health care workers and first responders for their efforts during the Covid-19 Pandemic and to dedicate the report to Cynthia Slade for her decades of service to the Community as Tax Collector/Clerk/Treasurer. Select Board Member Worthington asked that a list of those that passed could be distributed to the Board as those people are listed in the report *In Memoriam*.

Select Board Clerk Areson spoke in support of the theme and dedication. Select Board Member Worthington contributed that a cover could be a photograph collage of the home-made signs that were throughout town in support of the First Responders. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed endorsed the theme and dedication and asked if the reference to health workers was referring to the Board of Health members and she also endorsed honoring Cynthia Slade. She asked that there be a policy moving forward for the decision of dedications and themes of the report. She wished to submit a list of people she would like mentioned *In Memoriam* including those that retired in the last year that served the community. Select Board member Rein agreed with her colleagues. She felt that the employees as a whole stepped up to the plate. Select Board Chair Weinstein felt that it was appropriate to dedicate the book to First Responders and all the staff that have made it possible in this community to move forward and, in particular, to honor the decades of service of Cynthia Slade. He felt that the Board should develop a policy regarding future dedications. He was thankful to Select Board Member Worthington for her suggestion of a cover.

Susan Howe, President of the Historical Society remarked on their project, *Reflections on the Pandemic*. The collage was turned into a poster that was part of the exhibition and is now part of the permanent collection at Highland House Museum. The Chair had a brief conversation with his colleagues regarding the heart signs during the height of the Pandemic.

Select Board Clerk Areson moved to approve the cover and the theme for the 2020 Annual Town Report for First Responders and Health Care workers for their efforts in 2020, and to dedicate the report to Cynthia Slade for her decades of service as the Town Clerk Treasurer and Tax Collector. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed Seconded the Motion.

Select Board Member Worthington asked if Police, Fire, staff at Town Hall and DPW could be included in the dedication. The Chair asked if the cover could be included in the Motion.

*Select Board Clerk Areson moved that the Board make the theme and cover for the 2020 Town Report pay tribute to First Responders, Health and Health Care Workers, Emergency Workers, and Town Staff and all departments for their extraordinary efforts during 2020 and to dedicate the report to Cynthia Slade, retired Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector for her decades of service and to use as the cover art a poster by Susan Howe of hearts throughout Truro. Select Board Member Worthington Seconded the Motion. Motion passes, 5-5-0.*

#### **Further Discussion of Multi-member Bodies Recruitment and Committee Reports**

Select Board Vice-Chair Reed explained the concept of having Truro Committees, Boards and Commissions do presentations before the Select Board to update the Board on their activities and goals. With committee meetings being disrupted by the Pandemic due to logistic challenges, staff support issues, etc., there are currently 45 vacancies on Truro Boards, Commissions and Committees, with some committees being inactive. The two-part solution would be to invite two chairs and their committees, if they wish, to attend starting from A to Z continuously. Each chair has 15 minutes to respond to formatted questions. The questions were outlined.

Select Board Clerk Areson commented that this might be a valuable way for the Town Manager to meet committee chairs. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed explained that the first year would be a trial to see if the board and committees benefitted from this process. She added that this is a way to connect with committees and boards and find out about their activities. A 15 minute maximum discussion was considered. Select Board Member Rein added that committees are looking for direction and felt that it is a great way to give direction, revisit their charge, support them, and have a chance to check in with them.

Select Board Clerk Areson reported that the Handbook is ready for distribution and ready to place on the next available Agenda. She noted that there were some chairs that had not responded to an email sent previously and there was a brief discussion on sending the email again to those chairs.

Select Board Chair Weinstein felt that this would assist the Select Board and the town. It is hard to keep track of all the board and committees activities and whether some are even active. Select Board Clerk Areson asked to recognize Anne Greenbaum, Susan Howe, and Carol Harris.

Town Manager Tangeman proposed a Work Session to discuss the topic of reviewing the list of Committees/Boards and Commissions.

### **Review and Possible Modification of the Community Process for the Walsh Property Plan Final Draft Process Design**

Town Manager Darrin Tangeman explained that this topic was up for discussion to review the role of the Select Board liaison member. Staff asked for clarification of the changes to the liaison section, specifically if the changes apply to the Select Board only, or all liaisons to this Committee. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed reminded the Board that there was a liaison policy (#34) already in place and felt that information could be incorporated.

Select Board Member Worthington stated that the role of Select Board liaison is to be a conduit to the Select Board. Select Board Clerk Areson asked if there should be a “hands off approach” as they are not voting members. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed concurred the same applies to the other boards. Select Board Chair Weinstein stated that it is important for all bodies to have a uniform liaison policy. He asked for a motion regarding the section on the Liaisons (Page 3 of the Walsh Property Plan Final Draft Process Design) replacing the language with Policy Memorandum #34.

*Select Board Vice-Chair Reed made a motion to amend the Walsh Property Plan Final Draft Process Design as follows by inserting language from Policy Memorandum #34 and that the policy also should be followed by other Commission and Board liaisons. Seconded by Select Board Member Rein. Motion Passes, 5-0-0.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:**

1. *Curb Cut Application-41 Truro Center Road-Austin Rose III*
2. *2021 Bulldog Fire Apparatus-Ambulance Purchase Order*

#### **B. Review and Approve Select Board Minutes: December 15, 2020 and December 21, 2020**

*Select Board Chair Weinstein asked if the Board had questions or comments for the Consent Agenda. Select Board Clerk Areson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as listed in our Agenda. Seconded by Select Board Vice-Chair Reed. Motion Passes, 5-0-0.*

### **Select Board Reports or Comments**

Select Board Member Worthington asked about the Local Comprehensive Plan and didn't feel the town could wait for a Town Planner to be hired to continue the process. She felt that perhaps the Committee could start the work as they were so far behind with the project. Select Board Clerk Areson added that she is a member and a liaison to the Local Comprehensive Plan. She explained that she reached out to Chair Chris Clark suggesting that the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee meet remotely. Select Board Clerk Areson agreed with her colleague that the work should commence again. Town Manager Tangeman reported that there are recent funding streams that will help fund technical assistance for the Committee. He commented that clear direction and facilitation is vital and requires a lot of support, not just from a Town Planner.

Select Board Vice-Chair Reed cautioned the Board that the conversation was becoming a deliberation on the topic.

Select Board Chair Weinstein agreed with the Vice-Chair adding that the town can't wait for a Town Planner and this item should move forward. He felt that someone should reach out to the Chair and ask the Committee to commence work again on this Plan. This should be added to a future Agenda and Chair of the Committee should be invited. Select Board Clerk Areson responded that she would reach out to the Chair again and agreed that the discussion should go on an Agenda.

Select Board Vice-Chair Reed attended the virtual MMA annual meeting with colleague Clerk Areson. She spoke of this year's workshops, speakers, and Governor Baker's address. Select Board Clerk Areson reported that there is a grant initiative called One Stop that allows for the same grant application to be used for various grants. She reported that the Health Agent is working with Wellfleet on wastewater management planning as Wellfleet's watershed is partially in Truro.

Select Board Member Rein noted that she was going to ask to have the Water Resource Oversight Committee discussion be added to the Agenda but felt that item will be covered in an upcoming Work Session relating to committees.

Select Board Chair Weinstein attended the most recent Energy Committee meeting. The Committee is looking at restarting the efforts of the area where AT&T disturbed the cap at the landfill, for potential solar array installation. Chair Weinstein noted that the Committee was encouraged that the roof tops of the units at Cloverleaf will have solar panels. Chair Weinstein thanked Truro's Harbormaster/ Shellfish Constable, staff, and the Shellfish Advisory Committee for their efforts, as there are many people shellfishing in the Pamet River on Sundays.

#### **Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Tangeman reported that there is a DoodlePoll out to the Walsh Property Planning Committee (16 members) for a date certain for their first meeting at the end of February.

#### **Next Meeting Agenda**

Town Manager Tangeman reported on the February 9<sup>th</sup> Agenda items. He reported that staff is working on a Work Session agenda for the week of February 17<sup>th</sup> to go over revenue projections, Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, and the CPA funding requests.

Select Board Areson asked that the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) go before the Board when the grant application process is completed. She would like to hear from the Committee on who applied for grants with an explanation on the award process. Select Board Vice-Chair Reed asked to add to the Work Session a discussion on Economic Development.

There was logistical discussion on potential work session dates. No date was chosen.

#### **Adjournment**

*Select Board Chair Weinstein asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Select Board Clerk Areson, so moved. Select Board member Rein Seconded the Motion. Motion Passes, 5-0-0.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.*

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Tudor, Executive Assistant



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

**Public Records material of 1/26/2021**

1. Application to Serve-Richard Roberts
2. MGL Chpt. 41 Section 11
3. Global Covenant of Mayors Letter
4. Application to join Global Covenant of Mayors
5. Corn Hill Conservation Restriction
6. Community Process for the Walsh Property Changes
7. Curb Cut Application 41 Truro Center Rd
8. Purchase Order for Ambulance
9. Draft December 15, 2020 Minutes
10. Draft December 21, 2020 Minutes

