

Select Board Minutes
April 27, 2021
Via GoToMeeting Platform

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

Others Present: Town Manager-Darrin Tangeman, Assistant Town Manager-Kelly Clark, Health/Conservation Agent-Emily Beebe, Finance Committee Chair-Robert Panessiti, Town Accountant-Trudi Brazil, Robert Higgins-Steele, Sallie Tighe, Commission on Disabilities Chair-Susan Howe, Raphael Richter, Truro Central School Superintendent-Michael Gradone, Incoming Truro Central School Superintendent-Stephanie Costigan, Chris Lucy, Planning Board Chair-Anne Greenbaum, Shellfish Advisory Committee Chair-Dan Smith, Shellfish Constable-Tony Jackett

Chair Weinstein started the meeting at 5:00pm.

Public Comment:

Robert Higgins-Steele shared his perspective on Town Meeting Article 6, Section 6, regarding the Truro Central School windows.

Member Areson wished to correct a misleading statement she made at the last Select Board meeting. She had mentioned she could not watch a School Committee meeting on Truro TV, Channel 18. She learned later that even though it was not on Channel 18, the School Committee meetings are shown on the Truro Central School's website the day after the meeting is held. She could have watched it there.

Public Hearings: None

Board/Committee/Commission Appointments:

Interview and Appoint Assembly of Delegates Truro Representative-Sallie Tighe

Ms. Tighe introduced herself and briefly explained her interest in serving on the Assembly of Delegates as Truro's representative. Member Reed asked Ms. Tighe to speak to some of the issues important to her and how she intends to represent (and be an advocate) for the Town of Truro. Member Areson requested that if appointed, she'd like Ms. Tighe to come back to the Board from time to time to inform them of what is going on.

Member Areson made a motion to appoint Sallie Tighe as Truro's Representative to the Barnstable Assembly of Delegates for a term ending January 2, 2023.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Worthington-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

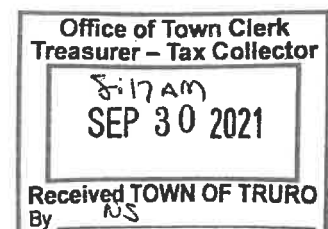
Member Rein-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Staff/Committee Updates

Board/Committee Report: Commission on Disabilities



Commission on Disabilities Chair Howe gave an update:

- The Commission consists of 7 people. They currently have 6 people serving and 1 vacancy.
- The people on the Commission want to make Truro as accessible to all people as possible.
- They encourage people with a disability, or someone who has a family member with a disability, to join.
- They meet once a month for an hour.
- Their goal is to increase community awareness and encourage accessibility for all.
- Their most recent project is Puma Park, and they are about two-thirds of the way through that project. They have received funding for the adult equipment and the surfacing has been replaced with an accessible and safe surface.
- This year they are hoping to get funding for a safe surface underneath the adult equipment, and sun shades to go over that equipment and also some of the other playground equipment.
- They participate every year in the Light it Up Blue program which highlights awareness of Autism.
- They have talked with the Cape Cod National Seashore, and they have agreed to put in an accessible parking spot on the side where the Head of the Meadow Beach is.
- Two of the Commission on Disabilities members are on the Walsh Property Committee, and they hope to encourage universal access principles to be used for whatever is built there.
- They would like to explore extending the tax program that is given to seniors to people with disabilities as well.
- They would love to have the Town make a commitment to universal access in all of the buildings and other activities provided going forward.

Tables Items: None

Select Board Action:

Review and Vote on Town Meeting Articles

Article 5: FY2022 Omnibus Budget Appropriation

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 5: FY2022 Omnibus Budget Appropriation as printed in the Warrant.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

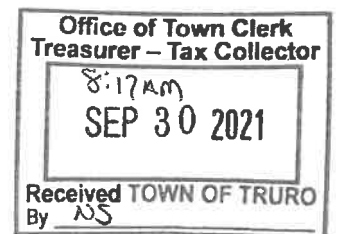
Member Reed-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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



Article 9: Fund a Childcare Voucher Program-Petitioned Article

Member Areson stated she would like to see the Board delay any action on childcare vouchers and perhaps put a group together to look into it and come back at the next Town meeting. Member Reed asked Town Manager Tangeman a question regarding funding the first year of the pilot program through free cash. Town Manager Tangeman stated there is the possibility of a pilot program that allows for determining what the administrative costs, community demand and capacity of local licensed day care facilities would be. Member Worthington would be in favor of delaying and doing more research.

Member Rein is intrigued by a pilot program. Member Reed stated that they have heard from constituents regarding a need for day care. Mr. Richter explained that what is being proposed should be separated from the PreK discussion as it's a separate program. It's for residents and employees of the Town that have a hard time staying at their jobs because of the challenges of child care. Member Areson's concern is that once you have a pilot program, they don't often go away. She does not feel they have enough information. She thinks that if there is extra money, it should go toward expanding the PreK program at Truro Central School.

Superintendent Gradone and Incoming Superintendent Costigan provided an update on the School Committee's decisions on the PreK program.

Finance Committee Chair Panessiti stated that the Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow night where they will be discussing this Article as well. There are broader economic implications. He acknowledged people had concerns about this program not being needs-based, but some programs just need to be tried.

More discussion was held among the Select Board members, and it was agreed to defer discussion on this Article until the May 11, 2021 meeting.

Community Preservation Act Articles

Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 1: Contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 1: Contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as printed in the Warrant.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Section 2: Housing Consultant

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 2: Housing Consultant as printed in the Warrant.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

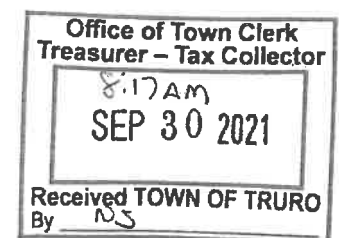
Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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



Section 3: Preservation of Highland House Museum Permanent Collection

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 3: Preservation of Highland House Museum Permanent Collection as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Reed-Aye

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Section 4: Edgewood Farm Historic Preservation Project Phase 5

Member of the CPC, Susan Howe, stated that she believes this is the last phase for Edgewood Farm. Mr. Lucy asked how much money Edgewood Farm has used of CPC funds. Town Accountant Brazil stated that up to this point there has been \$300,000 of CPA funding dedicated to the Edgewood Farm restoration project.

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 4: Edgewood Farm Historic Preservation Project Phase 5 as printed in the Warrant.

Member Worthington seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Nay

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Nay

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Nay

So voted; 2-3-0, motion does not carry.

Section 5: Puma Park Enhancement

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 5: Puma Park Enhancement as printed in the Warrant.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Reed-Aye

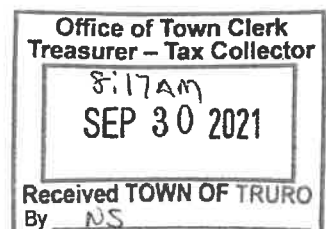
Member Worthington-Aye

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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



Section 6: Payomet Drive-In

CPC Member Howe stated that the Committee met and decided that this was a legitimate recreation project, and recreation projects are one of the four items CPC funds are used for. Member Areson said that if Payomet does not have a long-term lease she does not think they should be putting Town CPA money into improvements on property that Payomet doesn't own. CPC Member Howe stated that the Committee decided to place the requirement into the contract that in order to receive the funds Payomet would need to secure a long-term lease. Member Areson also wished to confirm that the stage would be available for others to use, and CPC Member Howe confirmed that others could use it. Finance Committee Chair Panessiti listed their concerns.

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 6: Payomet Drive-In as printed in the Warrant.

Member Worthington seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Section 7: Administrative Support

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 7: Administrative Support as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Section 8: Open Space Reserve

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 8: Open Space Reserve as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Reed-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Section 9: Budgeted Reserve

Town Accountant Brazil clarified the purpose of having a budgeted reserve.

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 10: Community Preservation Act-Section 9: Budgeted Reserve as printed in the Warrant.

Member Rein seconded.

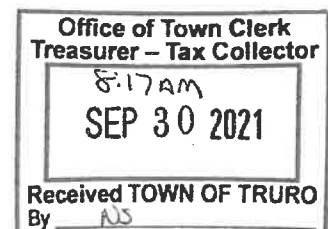
Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Member Reed-Aye



Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Land Conveyance Articles

Article 11: Authorization to Convey Town Property to the Truro Conservation Trust

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 11: Authorization to Convey Town Property to the Truro Conservation Trust as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Reed-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 12: Accept Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure-135 South Pamet Road

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 12: Accept Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure-135 South Pamet Road as printed in the Warrant.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

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

General Bylaw Articles

Article 14: Amend General Bylaws, Chapter 3 Municipal Single-Use Plastic Bottle Ban

Member Reed recused herself from this Article.

Mr. Lucy asked if this would apply to food trucks. Assistant Town Manager Clark confirmed that this would apply to food trucks at the Farmers Market and other Town- owned properties. This would apply to unflavored, non-carbonated water, so options for food truck vendors would be to sell flavored water, sparkling water and/or boxed/canned water.

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 14: Amend General Bylaws, Chapter 3 Municipal Single-Use Plastic Bottle Ban as printed in the Warrant.

Member Worthington seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

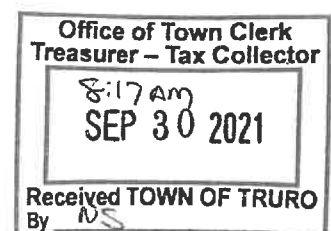
Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 4-0-1 (Member Reed abstained), motion carries.



Article 17: Charter Amendment to Sections 3-1-1 and 6-4-2-Petitioned Article

Member Rein asked if the Charter Review Committee planned on voting on this Article. Chair Panessiti stated the Charter Review Committee will not be voting on any changes to the Charter at this time. They are awaiting responses from a survey.

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 17: Charter Amendment to Sections 3-1-1 and 6-4-2-Petitioned Article as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Chair Weinstein respects what Charter Review Committee Chair Panessiti said and the position of the Charter Review Committee. He would strongly advocate for this for the following reasons:

- He's conducted a survey of other communities in Barnstable County and Truro is in the minority for having an elected Planning Board. He thinks it is ill-advised to have an elected body that is often "rowing in a different direction."
- There is no vetting process for anyone who chooses to run for election.
- The elected term is for five years and the process to remove someone from a board like this is very cumbersome.

Planning Board Chair Greenbaum wished to respond.

- The study which was referred to about Barnstable County Planning Boards was also conducted by Town Planner Ribeiro. She gave the Board more information regarding the study results Town Planner Ribeiro received.
- Planning Board members run unopposed because we have a challenging time getting people to step up and volunteer. These positions take a lot of work.
- She thinks the argument that appointed boards are vetted in a way that elected boards are not doesn't totally hold true. There are times where the Select Board does a rigorous vetting process but there are many times that, according to their agenda, they don't. Between January 14, 2020, and April 13, 2021, there were 56 people who came before the Select Board to be interviewed and appointed or reappointed. She does not think the vetting argument works. We have to do a better job of recruiting more people, so we have elections that are contested.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Abstained

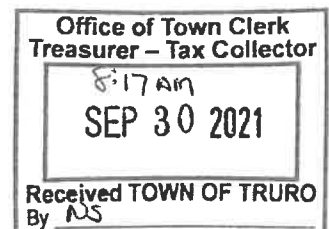
Member Reed-Abstained

Member Areson-Nay

Member Worthington-Nay

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 1-2-2, motion does not carry.



Article 18: Amend the Local Room Occupancy Excise Tax-Petitioned Article

A rooms tax proposed options spreadsheet was shown.

Finance Committee Chair Panessiti stated that the Finance Committee feels strongly that this should be at 6 percent. Member Areson is not in favor of raising it to 6 percent. She is committed to the Housing Stabilization Fund, but the Town's budget keeps going up and she thinks they should be conservative and would be in favor of an increase to 5.25 percent. Member Reed believes this is an opportunity to support an effort regarding the housing crisis and she's in favor of the 6 percent proposal. Town Manager Tangeman stated that the Town will continue to struggle to staff the Town if we don't address some issues in the future. Having a good conversation with the Housing Authority about 1.5 months ago brought that concern to the forefront for him. Member Areson is aware there is a housing crisis. She believes we should be prudent with the budget and is happy to put more money towards a Housing

Stabilization Fund, but she is not in favor of going up to 6 percent. Chair Weinstein would strongly advocate for moving to 6 percent.

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 18: Amend the Local Room Occupancy Excise Tax-Petitioned Article as printed in the Warrant.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein- Aye

Member Reed- Aye

Member Areson-Nay

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 4-1-0, motion carries.

Article 19: To Establish an Affordable Housing Stabilization Fund and to Dedicate a Percentage of the Local Room Occupancy Excise Tax to Said Fund-Petitioned Article.

Finance Committee Chair Panessiti explained that the Finance Committee is in support of this Article for the same reasons as Article 18.

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 19: To Establish an Affordable Housing Stabilization Fund and to Dedicate a Percentage of the Local Room Occupancy Excise Tax to Said Fund-Petitioned Article as printed in the Warrant.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 38: Tax Transparency of Financial Articles in Excess of \$50,000.00-Petitioned Article

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 38: Tax Transparency of Financial Articles in Excess of \$50,000.00-Petitioned Article as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Reed-Aye

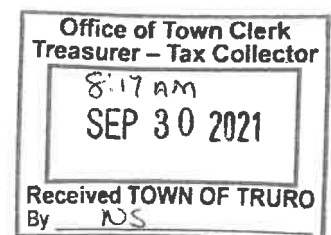
Member Rein-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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



Article 39: Project Accounting & Quarterly Reporting on Total Expenditures over \$75,000-Petitioned Article

Town Manager Tangeman spoke with the petitioner and believes there is the intent to amend this Article because there is already a mechanism (ClearGov) to conduct this reporting. Implementation is

planned for the next fiscal year. The amendment will likely be congruent with the software the Town intends to implement. Member Areson would be comfortable abstaining or taking no vote and then explaining at Town Meeting if it becomes necessary to explain why the Board took that action.

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 39: Project Accounting & Quarterly Reporting on Total Expenditures over \$75,000-Petitioned Article as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Reed-Abstained

Member Rein-Abstained

Member Areson-Abstained

Member Worthington-Abstained

Chair Weinstein-Abstained

So voted; 0-0-5, motion does not carry.

Review and Approve Request to Complete Test Drags to Inform Commercial Shell Fishing Permitting Recommendations.

Shellfish Advisory Chair Smith explained that he is before the Board to ask for their support on exploring the potential for Truro commercial fishermen that are residents here in the winter months to commercially harvest wild shellfish from boats using rakes and nets. They are not looking for a year-round fishery, just a winter month fishery. Shellfish Constable Jackett and the Shellfish Advisory Committee have a good understanding of the shellfish types we have in the shell fishing area because we can get to those on foot. The same is not true for species offshore. Shellfish Constable Jackett added that if the Select Board gives permission for the test drags he suggests sending a letter to the Division of Marine Fisheries requesting the permission to use Mike Rego and his boat to conduct the test drags. Shellfish Advisory Committee Chair Smith answered some questions from the Board.

Member Worthington made a motion to approve a series of test drags within the Town waters of Cape Cod Bay, pending consultation with the Division of Marine Fisheries, to capture and record the findings the findings contained within each test drag and provide a summarization of the findings.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

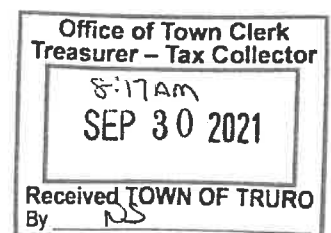
APCC Letter of Support

Health/Conservation Agent Beebe explained the APCC letter of support and that the Board of Health would like the support of the Select Board.

Member Reed made a motion to approve, electronically sign and send to the Barnstable County Commissioners the letter of support for the Association to Preserve Cape Cod's proposal to lower the interest rate of the Community Septic Management Program to zero percent.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:



Member Worthington-Aye
Member Areson-Aye
Member Reed-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Chair Weinstein-Aye
So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

American Rescue Act Funds Cape Cod Distribution Letter

Town Manager Tangeman stated the intent of this letter is to seek assistance from the Select Board in identifying a Select Board member who could assist the Town staff in drafting a letter to our County Commissioners in relation to the distribution of American Rescue Act Funds for the Town. The Town is currently scheduled to be allocated \$198,100.00. It's based upon the very outdated 2010 census and does not really reflect the current situation within the Town. We have had a significant demographic change since 2010. Member Reed nominated Member Areson.

Member Rein made a motion to authorize Susan Areson to work with the Town Manager and staff to bring recommendations for actions regarding the American Rescue Act Funds distribution to the Select Board at a future meeting date.
Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

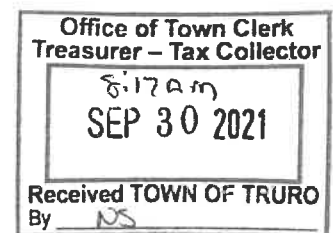
Member Rein-Aye
Member Reed-Aye
Member Areson-Aye
Member Worthington-Aye
Chair Weinstein-Aye
So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Consent Agenda

Member Areson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed in the packet.
Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Worthington-Aye
Member Areson-Aye
Member Reed-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Chair Weinstein-Aye
So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.



Select Board Reports/Comments

- Member Rein wished to correct a statement made by Shellfish Advisory Chair Smith that rototilling the earth brought up nutrients. She stated that as an avid "no-till" farmer, she knows rototilling does not bring nutrients back. It does change the soil structure. The Climate Action Committee continues to meet and work diligently on the greenhouse inventory and all the other things in their Charge.
- Member Reed stated that she's made her changes to the Board, Committee, Commission handbook and she's checking in with staff regarding previous discussions about making a section on the website that holds the handbook and other complimentary documents. She also noted

that Governor Baker made an announcement about reopening. She thinks it would be important to have Health/Conservation Agent Beebe do a short update at the May 11th meeting about what that means, along with guidelines for the community.

- Member Areson attended the last Cape Cod Selectman's Association meeting and wanted to call attention to 2 items. #1-The County Commission website has a presentation on water quality by Silent Spring which includes new regulations that went into effect April 1. #2-Andrew Gottlieb, from APCC, did a presentation on pond surveys that they are doing this year in all 15 towns. The APCC website has information on that. As far as the handbook goes, she made all the changes necessary. One piece missing is on remote meetings. She informed the Board about the meeting which took place between the Historical Commission and the people who came before the Select Board looking to establish an Indigenous Peoples Committee.
- Chair Weinstein spoke about the last couple of miles of the Cape Cod Rail Trail being constructed. He has received many inquiries and he wished to point out that the MPO does not have the authority over the construction of the rail trail. The Division of Conservation and Recreation holds that authority.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Tangeman stated they are intending on having a work session on Thursday in relation to multi-member body consolidation. He reviewed the draft agenda for their May 11 meeting. Chair Weinstein requested to hold an executive session prior to the regular meeting on May 11 regarding the complaint forwarded from the Planning Board.

Member Reed made a motion to adjourn at 8:19pm

Member Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Worthington-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle L. Scoullar

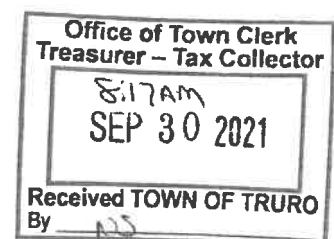


Darrin K. Tangeman-Town Manager

Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

Public Records material of 04.27.2021

1. Application to Serve-Sallie Tighe
2. 2021 Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant



3. Memorandum from Shellfish Advisory Committee Chair-Dan Smith
4. Regulations for the taking of shellfish, sea worms, eels and crabs
5. Letter of Support from Truro BOH on APCC proposal
6. Draft letter of support from Select Board on APCC proposal
7. A Role for Barnstable County-By Andrew Gottlieb
8. Application for Entertainment License-Captain's Choice
9. Renewal Applications for 2021: Jules Besch Stationers; Cape Cod Treasure Chest; Accent on Design; Adventure Bound Camping Resort at Horton's; Blackfish Restaurant; Terra Luna Restaurant; Highland Links Golf Course
10. Bank subordination form with Memo-Bailey Boyd
11. Draft Select Board Minutes of 3.16.2021

