

**Truro Select Board
Friday, October 8, 2021
In-Person Work Session**

Select Board Members Attending: Robert Weinstein-Chair, Kristen Reed-Vice-Chair, Susan Areson-Clerk, Stephanie Rein, John Dundas

Climate Action Committee Members Attending: Carol Harris-Chair, Bob Higgins-Steel-Vice Chair, Fred Gaechter

Attending: Town Manager Darrin Tangeman, Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark, Town Planner and Land Use Counsel Barbara Carboni, Health/ Conservation Agent Emily Beebe, Town Accountant Trudi Brazil

**TRURO SELECT BOARD
JOINT WORK SESSION WITH
THE CLIMATE ACTION
COMMITTEE**

Discussion on Community Climate Action Plan for Truro, Impact of Climate Change in Truro, Addressing Climate Change in Truro, and Select Board & Town Departments Role in Addressing Climate Change

Select Board Chair Robert Weinstein opened the Select Board Meeting at 10:49 am. He announced that the Select Board met in Executive Session before this meeting and voted 5-0-0 to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement and Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Truro Permanent Firefighters Local 5281. He invited Climate Action Committee (CAC) Chair Carol Harris to open her committee's meeting.

CAC Chair Harris opened the meeting of the Climate Action Committee and provided an introduction to the work session. The Select Board and the CAC engaged in discussion about how to approach the issue of climate change and what role the CAC should play. There were comments about programs currently offered and how to assist individuals with lower incomes.

CAC Vice-Chair Higgins Steel offered an overview of the Stretch Code and an update on when it may take effect. CAC Chair Harris posed the question of "how do we ingrain climate change into the decision-making processes of the Town?" and a conversation ensued. Health & Conservation Agent Beebe provided some examples of some of the initiatives that are being undertaken at a regional level. Town Manager Tangeman discussed ways that Town Offices could implement climate change considerations in various decision-making processes, including purchasing and evaluations. He also discussed the importance of considering development and housing needs when discussing climate change mitigation efforts.

The group held a brief discussion about EV charging stations and best locations. Town Planner and Land Use Counsel Carboni noted that the Cape Cod Commission has a very comprehensive climate action plan that should be considered. They also discussed the best way for the CAC to communicate their needs to the Select Board. Vice-Chair Reed requested that the CAC provide

recommendations to the Select Board by submitting agenda items to be reviewed. She also recommended that the CAC participate in various conversations that the Board has where CAC feedback may be helpful. Chair Weinstein asked that the CAC provide regular Committee updates at Select Board meetings.

Next Steps

Vice-Chair Reed requested a solar presentation during a Select Board meeting that could provide information to the public.

CAC Chair Harris made a plug for the need for recruiting members and perhaps expanding membership if there is interest.

CAC Member Gaechter requested that the Board provide some notice of topics that will be discussed as they often result in the need to research. He provided an example to explain the types of topics that might need further research.

CAC Vice-Chair Higgins-Steele moved to adjourn the meeting of the Climate Action Committee at 12:21pm. CAC Member Gaechter seconded. Motion Passes 3-0-0.

SELECT BOARD WORK SESSION ON FY2023 BUDGET DIRECTION

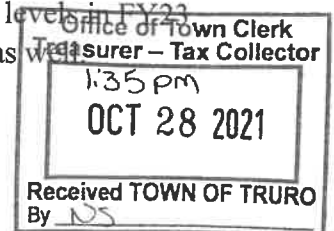
Discussion of FY2023 Budget Process, Considerations/ Directions and Budget Message

Town Manager Tangeman provided a brief overview of the proposed FY2023 budget process and opened the conversation up to the Select Board for feedback. Clerk Areson requested that the new Finance Director be introduced at a Select Board meeting and offered that the School Committee should be asked to send a representative to all of the Budget Task Force meetings.

The Board expressed the desire to include the School employees in the Classification & Compensation Analysis. There was discussion about the best way to approach this conversation. A more general conversation about trends of the of school were discussed.

A brief review of the FY22 Budget Task Force time schedule prompted a conversation about FY23 timing for these meetings. Town Accountant Brazil gave a brief overview of the current tax rate and FY22 budget, as well as trends and what to expect during the FY23 budget process. Clerk Areson requested that financial reports be more available to the public. Town Manager Tangeman noted that the Finance Committee will receive a report of budget actuals in the next month or so that will also be made available to the public. He also indicated that the Town's financial transparency software will be implemented soon.

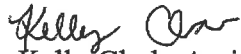
Town Manager Tangeman offered a draft FY23 Budget Message. The Select Board provided feedback on what should be included in the Budget Message. Chair Weinstein advocated for the budget narrative to tie into the goals and objectives and explained how important it is for the public to understand how policy affects the budget. There was consensus from the Board that staff should be directed not to budget to expand services beyond pre-pandemic levels in FY23. The Board offered feedback about how to manage committee budget requests as well.



Adjournment

Select Board Chair Weinstein asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Reed moved to adjourn the Work Session at 1:42 pm. Member Rein seconded the Motion. Motion Passes 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Clark, Assistant Town Manager



Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

Public Records material of 10/08/2021

1. Workshop: Truro Select Board & Truro Climate Action Committee Overview
2. FY2022 Budget Task Force Meeting Schedule
3. Draft FY2023 Budget Message

