

Truro Select Board
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
5:00 pm
Remote Meeting

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

Regrets: None.

Attending: Town Manager Darrin Tangeman, Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark, Cheryl Best, Chris Roberts, Library Director Tricia Ford, Robert Panessiti, Nancy Medoff, Anne Greenbaum, Debra Parker, Joan Holt, Brian Boyle, David Crocker, Kevin Kuechler, Jack Riemer, Chris Lucy, Martha Magane, Keith Althaus, Regan McCarthy.

TRURO SELECT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Select Board Chair Robert Weinstein opened the Select Board Meeting at 5:00 pm and provided remote meeting instructions.

Public Comment

Jack Riemer asked if the Board would be allowing public comment during each of the agenda items. The Chair responded that brief public comment would be allowed.

Chris Lucy requested that the Town consider software similar to Provincetown's OpenGov platform to allow people to pay permit fees online 24/7. Town Manager Tangeman responded that the procurement process for a similar software is already underway.

Board/Committee/Commission Appointments

Clerk Areson recused herself from this portion of the meeting.

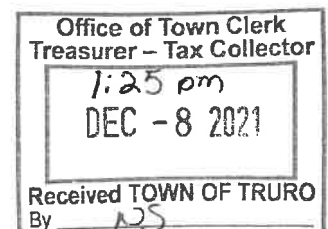
David Crocker applied to serve on the Pamet Harbor Commission, noting his boating and Pamet Harbor experience and his education at Massachusetts Maritime. He responded to questions from the Board.

Member Stephanie Rein moved to appoint David Crocker to the Pamet Harbor Commission as a full member with a term expiring June 30, 2024. Vice-Chair Reed seconded. Roll Call: S. Rein, Aye; J. Dundas, Aye; K. Reed, Aye; R. Weinstein, Aye. S. Areson, Recused. Motion passes, 4-0-0.

Mr. Crocker explained his interest in joining an adjudicatory board and learning about the Zoning Board of Appeals. He fielded questions from Board and heard concerns about the need to recuse himself from issues as necessary.

Vice-Chair Reed moved to appoint David Crocker to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member with a term expiring June 30, 2022. Member John Dundas seconded. Roll Call: S. Rein, Nay; K. Reed, Nay; J. Dundas, Aye; R. Weinstein, Aye. S. Areson, Recused. Motion failed, 2-2-0. The appointment does not move forward.

Clerk Areson rejoined the meeting.



Christopher Roberts applied to serve on the Cable & Internet Advisory Committee. He provided information on his background and fielded questions from the Board related to his interests and initiatives that he would undertake.

Vice-Chair Reed moved to appoint Christopher Roberts to the Cable and Internet Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2024. Member Dundas seconded. Roll Call: S. Rein, Aye; J. Dundas, Aye; J. Dundas; K. Reed, Aye; R. Weinstein, Aye. Motion passes, 5-0-0.

Staff/ Committee Updates

Library Trustees Chair Martha Magane introduced Vice-Chair Keith Althaus and provided an overview of the Library Trustees' work. She further discussed accomplishments and goals and noted that the Trustees would be surveying the community in the future about what they want to see at the Library. She highlighted the great work of the Library staff.

Select Board Action

Implementation of Hybrid Meetings for Multi-Member Body Meeting and Review and Adopt Policy 65: Hybrid Meeting Policy

Town Manager Tangeman provided an overview of the transition to remote meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and the new ability to allow hybrid meetings. He outlined the draft policy and explained the rationale behind the various recommendations.

Clerk Areson felt the policy needed additional work to be more concise and clearer, and she volunteered to edit this language. Vice-Chair Reed offered concerns about the health and safety of the in-person meetings. The Board recognized the extensive resources required for hybrid meetings and the efficiencies and inefficiencies associated with hybrid meetings. There was consensus on the Board that tabling this item pending editing of the policy by Clerk Areson would be preferred.

Vice-Chair Reed moved to table this agenda item. Member Rein seconded. Roll Call: S. Rein, Aye; J. Dundas, Aye; S. Areson, Aye; K. Reed, Aye; R Weinstein, Aye. Motion passes, 5-0-0. Item tabled.

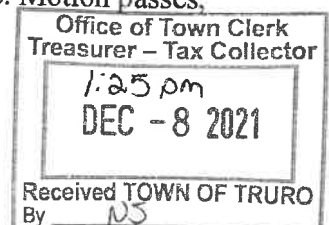
Discussion of Multi-Member Body Minute Compliance

Town Manager Tangeman explained that the previous agenda item prompted this agenda item. It was noted that many committees are out of compliance with recording their minutes with the Town Clerk's Office. The Board discussed ways to address this issue and asked for clarification on the resources available to the committees. The Board requested that the dates of the missing minutes be forwarded to the Select Board liaisons, who, in turn, can contact the Chairs of the multi-member boards regarding the owed minutes.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Town of Truro Public Communications Policy

Town Manager Tangeman gave an overview of the intent of the policy. A discussion was held regarding the wording within the proposed policy and Chair Weinstein expressed numerous concerns about the content of the policy.

Vice-Chair Reed moved to table this item and bring it back to a future meeting when there has been time to review and improve upon the language. Clerk Areson seconded. Roll Call: S. Rein, Aye; J. Dundas, Aye; S. Areson, Aye; K. Reed, Aye; R Weinstein, Aye. Motion passes, 5-0-0.



Discussion of Town Meeting Article Regarding Making Town Charter Language Genderless

Vice-Chair Reed introduced this article and noted other Massachusetts communities that have made similar Charter changes. There was some discussion on the difference between gender-neutral and genderless.

Member Rein moved to direct the Town Manager to work with Town Counsel to craft a 2022 Town Meeting article to present to the Board that would petition the General Court to pass a special act enabling the Town to make the language in the Town Charter genderless. Vice-Chair Reed seconded. Roll Call: S. Rein, Aye; J. Dundas, Aye; S. Areson, Aye; K. Reed, Aye; R. Weinstein, Aye. Motion passes, 5-0-0.

Discussion of Potential Town Meeting Articles for Charter Changes

Charter Review Committee Chair Boyle gave an update on where the Committee stands in the work they've been engaged in. He summarized three Warrant articles for the Board. Board members asked questions of Charter Review Committee members addressing the length of terms for Planning Board members, the status of the survey sent to some boards and committees, and whether the Committee has reviewed the statutory requirements for certain regulatory boards. Vice-Chair Reed also noted the importance of identifying lead petitioners for articles and the Committee reported on their discussions on this matter and the number of signatures required for petitioned article.

Discussion of Progress and Plan of Action for Addressing FY2022 Select Board Goals & Objectives

Town Manager Tangeman provided an update on the FY2022 Goals & Objectives and provided recommended actions to move forward. Board members discussed the path ahead on each objective.

Questions were asked by citizens and answered by the Select Board, the Town Manager, and the Assistant Town Manager.

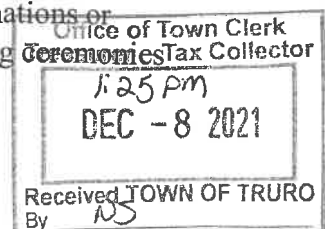
Consent Agenda

- A. *Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:*
 - 1. *HPC Contract*
 - 2. *Bond Request for Town Clerk Kaci Fullerton*
- B. *Review and Approve Appointment Renewals: None.*
- C. *Review and Approve Select Board Minutes: Regular Meeting 08.24.2021; Regular Meeting 09.28.2021*

Vice-Chair Reed moved to approve the consent agenda with the amendments to the minutes as specified. Member Rein seconded. Roll Call: S. Rein, Aye; J. Dundas, Aye; S. Areson, Aye; K. Reed, Aye; R. Weinstein, Aye. Motion passes, 5-0-0.

Select Board and Town Manager's Reports and Next Meeting Agenda

Clerk Areson noted that she heard from the public about communication regarding the recent Nor'easter. She requested that at the beginning of budget sessions explanations or definitions be provided to the public. So also mentioned that in the past, pinning



were held and while we can't do them now she would like to have any new Police and Firefighter personnel attend the Select Board meetings to be introduced to the public. Finally, she requested that all committee members receive the handbook created by the Select Board (or a link to it) as part of the swearing in process.

Member Dundas reported on the status of the Planning Board minutes. He also recommended that board/committee members receive cyber security training as part of their onboarding.

Vice-Chair Reed offered Bob Panessitti (Chair of the Economic Development Committee) an opportunity to report on the work of the Economic Development Committee.

Chair Weinstein thanked DPW for their recent work down at the Harbor and thanked staff for securing the presence of the County Dredge.

Town Manager Tangeman updated the Board on the status of the dredging and Nor'easter communications, and reviewed the agenda for the November 16, 2021 meeting.

Adjournment

Select Board Chair Weinstein asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. Member Rein seconded. Motion passes, 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Clark, Assistant Town Manager



Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

Public Records material of 11/09/2021

1. Application to Serve and Chairs' Comments: Pamet Harbor Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals- David Crocker
2. Application to Serve and Chair's Comments: Cable & Internet Advisory Committee- Christopher Roberts
3. Draft Policy 65: Hybrid Meeting Policy
4. Draft Policy 66: Town of Truro Public Communications Policy
5. City of Corvallis Oregon "Charter Amendment: Removing Gender-Specific Pronouns throughout City Charter"
6. FY2022 Goals and Objectives Progress and Plan of Action
7. Agreement for Services for the Town of Truro and Homeless Prevention Council
8. Bond documents with CAN Surety
9. Minutes of August 24, 2021
10. Minutes of September 28, 2021

