

Select Board Minutes
December 7, 2021, Meeting
Via GoToMeeting Platform

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

Others Present: Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager, Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager, Jack Riemer, DPW Director-Jarrold Cabral, Priscilla Cornell, Violet Rein Bosworth, Clinton Kershaw, Lindsey Wilson, Carol Harris-Climate Action Committee Chair, Christopher Clark-Chair of the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee, Barbara Carboni-Town Planner, Joan Holt

Chair Weinstein called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Public Comment

Mr. Riemer asked if the Board would be accepting public comment on all agenda items in tonight's meeting. Chair Weinstein stated yes. Mr. Riemer stated he would wait until a particular agenda item to speak.

DPW Director Cabral wished to remind the public that a road closure is scheduled for this Friday in support of the Eagle Neck Creek Culvert Replacement Project. The closure will take place on Old County Road between Phats Valley Road and Abby Lane. For any updates on the construction project or road closure, people can visit the DPW website and look under "News and Announcements". By clicking on the uploaded calendar, people will see a two-week lookout schedule. That schedule calendar will be updated every two weeks.

Public Hearings-None

Board/Committee/Commission Appointments

Interview and Appoint: Priscilla Cornell-Cable and Internet Advisory Committee

Mrs. Cornell introduced herself. She became interested in the Committee since purchasing a home on Ryder Beach Road. She does not have access to Comcast, nor does she have cell service or a landline. She became concerned during the pandemic that the lack of access for cable/internet for children in school was not okay.

Select Board members spoke with Mrs. Cornell about various topics within the realm of cable and internet access.

Member Rein made a motion to appoint Priscilla Cornell to the Cable and Internet Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2024.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

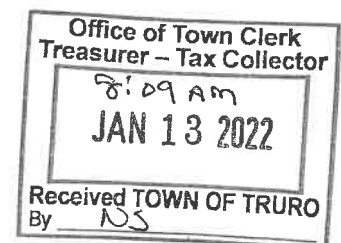
Member Dundas-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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



Interview and Appoint: Violet Rein Bosworth-Walsh Property Community Planning Committee

Member Rein recused herself from the discussion as the applicant is her daughter.

Ms. Rein Bosworth introduced herself. She is 15-years old and has lived in Truro her entire life. She'd like to serve on the Committee because she's in touch with her generation and with kids younger than her. She feels she can help by giving her opinions, and she's looking forward to the future. Board members spoke up to state they were in support of her application. Member Areson noted for the public that Member Rein is Ms. Rein Bosworth's mother and is the liaison to the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee. Member Rein was the one who came to the Board with the suggestion of appointing a student member as a non-voting liaison. No one else applied for the position other than Ms. Rein Bosworth. Member Areson wanted the public to know that this was not some sort of move to get a Select Board's family member appointed to this Committee.

Member Reed made a motion to appoint Violet Rein Bosworth to the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee as a student liaison for a one-year term expiring October 13, 2022.

Member Dundas seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

Member Rein-Recused

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

Interview and Appoint: Clinton Kershaw-Climate Action Committee

Mr. Kershaw introduced himself. He attended one of the Climate Action Committee outreach sessions held and was impressed with how it was run. He has attended some of their meetings and notes that they are a positive group with positive actions.

Member Reed asked what projects the Climate Action Committee were working on that interests him the most. Mr. Kershaw has lots of great ideas and realizes that he needs to step back and follow the Committee's process.

Member Areson has one concern; the comment from the Chair of the Committee. It's important to have the Chair's support in appointing a member.

Member Dundas asked Mr. Kershaw about the amount of gray water that goes into a septic tank. Has Mr. Kershaw ever seen a configuration where the water can be captured prior to going into the tank, be cleaned, and then returned to an aquifer? Mr. Kershaw discussed the issue and gave his opinion.

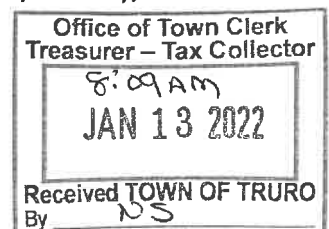
Chair Weinstein asked to hear from the Chair of the Climate Action Committee.

Chair Harris confirmed that Mr. Kershaw attended one of the information sessions the Committee held. She had a good discussion with him and other members of the Committee. Mr. Kershaw has met with two other members of the Committee as well. Her concern is related to his expressed objections regarding the Health/Conservation Agent, which is a liaison to the Climate Action Committee. The Committee is concerned that his bias against this particular liaison will be disruptive to the work they are trying to accomplish.

Mr. Kershaw withdrew his application.

Interview and Appoint: Lindsey Wilson-Energy Committee

Ms. Wilson introduced herself. She is a senior project manager in the energy efficiency industry, and she designs programs and manages projects that participate in those programs.



Member Reed asked if there were any projects that she's really excited about. Ms. Wilson is very interested in electrification and decarbonization. She'd like to advance that as much as possible in the municipal buildings throughout Truro. She also thinks it's important to educate the community on what they can do.

Member Areson hopes Ms. Wilson will be amenable to paying attention to what the Climate Action Committee is doing as well.

Member Dundas asked if she had any experience, or comments, about storage and energy production. Ms. Wilson stated that it's something she would be interested in looking into.

Chair Weinstein brought up the topic of bringing buildings up to current energy standards, which Ms. Wilson spoke about.

Member Reed made a motion to appoint Lindsey Wilson to the Energy Committee for an unexpired three-year term ending June 30, 2023.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Staff/Committee Updates

Board/Committee Report: Local Comprehensive Planning Committee

Chair Clark went through the list of bullet items the Select Board wished to hear about, including; Name of the committee, number of members, accomplishments of the Committee for the past 12 months, goals for the next 12 months, status of goals, challenges, and support required from the Town Manager and Select Board.

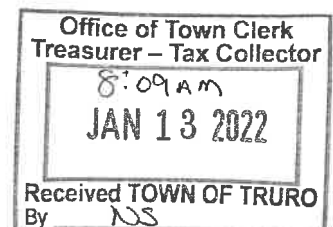
Chair Weinstein asked if various professionals at the Cape Cod Commission have stepped forward to aid the LCPC. Planner Carboni answered, stating she has been in dialogue with the people at the Cape Cod Commission since she started with the Town. They have helped her with many tasks.

Member Areson stated that one of the key goals of the LCPC is to work with many of the other committees in this community that have great expertise and are doing great work.

Tabled Items

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

Member Areson noted that many of the committees are hoping that the State will approve remote meetings on a permanent basis. Right now, the ability to do remote meetings expires April 1, 2022. This policy focuses on hybrid meetings, which many committees are interested in doing as well. Member Areson went over portions of the policy. She thinks the Health Requirements section more appropriately belongs as a separate issue, as they specifically pertain to Covid. She hopes the Board will approve the Hybrid Meeting Policy which would live, for a time, after Covid. She also suggested making a reference in the Hybrid Meeting Policy that states any hybrid meeting would be subject to any health regulations that are required by the Health/Conservation Agent, or the Board of Health. Other conditions, specific to Covid, would not be a part of this policy, but would be a separate policy specific to Covid.



Member Reed wished for Town Manager Tangeman to pull up the fiscal analysis to see if the numbers work from a fiscal perspective and a staff/time perspective. She also is concerned about managing people outside of a meeting, who are waiting to participate. Some back-and-forth discussion around this topic was held.

Member Rein agrees with Member Areson that the hybrid policy should not include the health parameters.

One of Member Dundas' concerns is efficiency. Does it make sense? That is what he will be returning to when they make a decision.

Discussion was held regarding where health requirements would live, and also about the Town Manager having the discretion to approve a hybrid meeting for a committee/board/commission seeking approval to do so.

Member Reed made a motion to table this item until their December 14, 2021, meeting.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Select Board Action

Review and Approve Signature for Participation Agreement Opioid Litigation

Town Manager Tangeman stated that this ties into some action the Select Board took back on February 27, 2019. This issue has culminated in a request by the leading firm in this to seek as many municipalities as possible to sign the participation agreements.

Member Reed made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the two Participation Agreements on behalf of the Town and submit to lawyer consortium.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

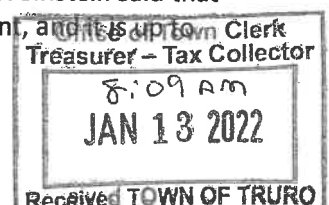
Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Review and Approve Denial letter, Babe's Bakery, Inc. Common Victualer's license.

Member Areson is ambivalent as to whether this letter should be sent or not. She voted against denying the license and does not want her name attached to any letter that is sent. Member Dundas does not want his name on any letter as well. Town Manager Tangeman stated that he could also be the signer of the letter.

Mr. Riemer brought up what he believes is an issue in disclosing an appearance of a conflict with Select Board member Reed. He is requesting that this item be tabled pending further review, to include an opinion by the State Ethics Commission, as well as a reconsideration and vote. Chair Weinstein said that the issues raised are not comprehensive. A lawyer (Town Planner Carboni) was present, and it is up to Town Clerk



an individual to make a decision whether to participate in a vote or not. Mr. Riemer's comments will be part of the record. Member Reed makes a practice of calling the State Ethics Commission regularly. Per the Commission, there is no ethics violation. Mr. Riemer respectfully disagreed and stated that he has filed a complaint.

Member Reed made a motion to approve the denial letter and authorize the Chair to sign, with the amendments suggested.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Nay

Member Areson-Nay

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 3-2-0, motion carries.

Consent Agenda

Member Areson had a correction for the minutes of 11.9.2021.

Member Dundas brought up a point that he has never witnessed an applicant's denial to be on one of the Town boards. He asked if the entire transcript of the questioning and responses from all members of the Board to the applicant should be included, not just a summary. Member Reed stated that full transcripts are not required. Member Dundas asked to hold a vote on the matter. Chair Weinstein does not feel it's appropriate to request what Member Dundas is asking for at this point.

Ms. Holt wished to correct a statement Mr. Chris Lucy had made regarding when the both of them had applied to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Furthermore, she went on to say that she felt the Board was making a mistake regarding not reconsidering the vote on Babe's Bakery. Member Reed called a Point of Order as the Board was reviewing the Consent Agenda.

Member Rein also had one correction on the minutes of 11.9.2021.

Member Rein made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as written, except for the two amendments to the minutes of 11.9.2021.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

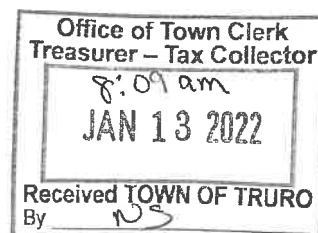
Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Select Board Reports/Comments

Member Dundas met with Town Manager Tangeman regarding a community-wide Truro fiber project related to ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act). Also attending the meeting was DPW Director Cabral, Town Clerk Fullerton, and IT Director Wennerberg. They are going to write a letter which will be shared with the Board shortly. In addition, he stated that any Chair of a committee will be going through cyber security training at some point.



Member Rein wished to thank Town staff for documenting which Committees were negligent in their minutes. A lot of Chair and Committee members have stepped up to generate these minutes, and she appreciates that.

Member Areson has had a few citizens ask about the holiday lights that go up across from the Cobb archive. She learned today from DPW Director Cabral that the lights will be put up there, and at the Public Safety Facility, next week. She also reminded viewers that Budget Task Force meetings begin on Monday, 1.10.2022 at 10:00am. It's a good way for the public to get involved early in the process if they have comments. Members of the public will be able to participate after the budgets have been presented. The Budget Task Force meeting schedule is located on the Select Board web page at:

https://www.truro-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif3936/f/uploads/budget_task_force_meeting_dates_fy_2022_budget_development_with_times.pdf

Chair Weinstein hopes that in the virtual environment there will be people interested in participating in the Budget Task Force meetings. He stated that comments and concerns would be entertained at any of the budget meetings.

Member Reed wishes to discuss the Charter Review meeting of November 22nd at 4pm. An item missing on their agenda, which had been requested by the Select Board, was a review of the Planning Board having three versus five-year terms. She hopes to see that on an upcoming agenda. She added that there was no discussion regarding building a bridge between the school and the Town's budget process. She'd like to see those on an agenda in the future. She referenced a vote regarding updating a survey the Charter Review Committee sent to four committees and next steps. Next steps turned into a vote to terminate doing any further research regarding if the Planning Board should be appointed or elected. The vote seems to contradict the Charter Review Committee Charge and the name of the committee itself. She'd like to help get the Select Board further understanding by inviting the Charter Review Committee members to the Select Board's next meeting to explain their votes.

Chair Weinstein agreed with Member Reed. He stated he was also approached by a citizen regarding the collapsing retaining walls adjacent to the Post Office where the Pamet River goes under Truro Center Road. He directed the questions to DPW Director Cabral. He also had a brief conversation with Police Chief Calise regarding what he called, bumper stickers that say, "Keep Truro Rural" that are appearing around Town. The Police have been put on notice and the affixing of these stickers is considered defacement of public property. DPW Director Cabral is in the process of reviewing the security camera footage from the entrance to the Transfer Station (where these stickers have been found). The appropriate place for those stickers would be on public information boards. It is not appropriate to post these on State, Town, or private property without the permission of the private property owners.

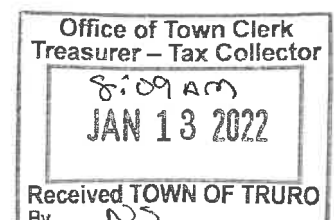
Town Manager Report

Town Manager Tangeman did not have any items for a report.

Next Meeting Agenda

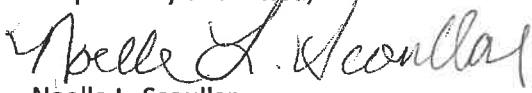
Town Manager Tangeman brought up the draft agenda for the December 14, 2021, meeting. He went over the topics currently listed. The Charter Review Committee item which Member Reed discussed earlier will be added to this agenda.

Member Rein asked if Town Manager Tangeman had been contacted by Susan Howe regarding the Commission on Disabilities Work-off program. Assistant Town Manager Clark stated that the proposal would be a Home Rule petition, and we'd need special legislation to allow for that program. Town Manager Tangeman recommended that Ms. Howe make a presentation to the Select Board to better understand what her request is.



Member Dundas made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm.
Member Reed seconded.
So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Noelle L. Scoullar



Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

Public Records material of 12.07.2021

1. Application to serve-Priscilla Cornell/Chair's approval
2. Application to serve-Violet Rein Bosworth
3. Application to serve-Clinton Kershaw/Chair's comments
4. Application to serve-Lindsey Wilson/Chair's comments
5. Draft Policy 65: Hybrid Meeting Policy
6. Distributor Participation Agreement
7. Janssen Participation Agreement
8. Draft denial letter to Ms. Claudia Boespflug/Babe's Bakery, Inc.
9. One Day Entertainment Application-Truro Vineyards
10. Truro Water Service Application-405 Shore Road
11. Draft 11.9.2021 Select Board minutes

