

Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022, at 5:00pm
Via GoToMeeting Platform

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

Others Present: Assistant Town Manager-Kelly Clark, DPW Director-Jarrold Cabral, Health/Conservation Agent-Emily Beebe, Atty. Katharine Lord Klein, Nancy Braun, Apryl Shenk, Anne Greenbaum, Betty Gallo, Chair of the Commission on Disabilities-Susan Howe, Town Planner/Land Use Counsel-Barbara Carboni, Chris Lucy

Chair Weinstein called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Public Comment

Anne Greenbaum is a Truro voter, Chair of the Planning Board, and was speaking as herself. She stated that one of the roles of the Planning Board is to propose changes to the Zoning Bylaws to better serve the Town of Truro. She mentioned some of those proposals. She said that the Planning Board works hard to have respectful discussion with people with a range of opinions. She is here because yesterday, at the Local Comprehensive Planning meeting, the Chair of the Select Board made a number of derogatory comments about the Planning Board. The Select Board's Values in Fiscal Year 2022 Goals & Objectives, signed by all members of the Select Board include the language *"We hold ourselves to high ethical standards and commit to acting with civility at all times, and to behave lawfully, respectfully, honestly, and fairly."* She asks that Chair Weinstein act accordingly, including when speaking about the Planning Board. She stated that if he continues to make negative comments about the Planning Board she will publicly point out his unproductive, disrespectful behavior.

Public Hearings-None

Board/Committee/Commission Appointments

Interview and Appoint: Apryl Shenk-Truro Council on Aging Board

Apryl Shenk introduced herself and gave a summary of her interest in serving on the Board. Member Reed asked if she had any initiatives or projects that she'd like to see happen with the Council on Aging Board. Ms. Shenk knows the Board has a few items they are working on which she'd like to see come to fruition. She knows that there has been distance, as far as being able to get together, due to Covid. She's hoping in the future the Board will be able to come together and have better communication. Member Areson asked if she was familiar with the Council on Aging and the programs that are offered. Ms. Shenk is familiar with some of them. Member Dundas commented on her superb background. Member Rein appreciates Ms. Shenk working in the home care industry. She feels the applicant would be a perfect fit.

Member Rein made a motion to appoint Apryl Shenk to the Truro Council on Aging Board for an unexpired three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2023.

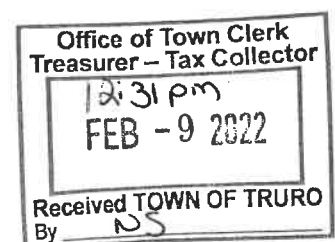
Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

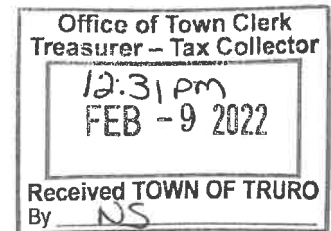
Member Reed-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye



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



Interview and Appoint: Nancy Braun-Truro Concert Committee
Nancy Braun introduced herself and spoke about her interest in the Concert Committee.

Member Areson made a motion to appoint Nancy Braun to the Truro Concert Committee for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2025.

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: Betty Gallo-Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council
Betty Gallo introduced herself and explained her interest in serving on the Council. The Board gave Betty their full support.

Member Areson made a motion to appoint Betty Gallo as Truro's representative on the Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council for a term which will expire on January 31, 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.

Staff/Committee Updates

Staff Report: COVID Update – Health & Conservation Agent-Emily Beebe

Health/Conservation Agent Beebe began her update. She touched upon antigen tests, current updates from the CDC and State on isolation and quarantine.

- In the past 2 weeks Truro has had 26 new cases. There are now 10 active cases.
- The case numbers do not reflect the cases detected by home antigen tests.
- New guidance was given regarding isolation, mask wearing, and quarantine.
- Tomorrow, she will be picking up a limited number of Covid-19 home antigen test kits for the Community. She's in the process of detailing a distribution plan. Proof of residency will be required.
- Antigen tests can be purchased at CVS, Rite Aid (any pharmacy) but they are having difficulty keeping them in stock.

Member Dundas asked some questions regarding people in the hospital (Health/Conservation Agent Beebe does not have those numbers). Chair Weinstein asked about the availability of boosters. Health/Conservation Agent Beebe stated that a clinic was just held at the elementary school last week

and a second round is coming up soon. That clinic will once again offer boosters. Provincetown is launching a booster site and Barnstable County is constantly offering booster clinics (including general vaccines and pediatric vaccines). Member Reed asked that Health/Conservation Agent Beebe do a quick public safety announcement on the value of boosters. Health/Conservation Agent Beebe explained the importance of the booster and also answered some questions about the protocol at the school.

Board/Committee Report: Disability Commission Chair – Susan Howe

Susan Howe introduced herself. She is the Chair on the Commission on Disabilities. The Commission on Disabilities is recommended by the State and having a Commission on Disabilities helps the Town get funding from State and other grants. She proceeded to give a summary of the Commission:

- Comprised of 7 members
- Has 6 members right now and 1 vacancy
- Their biggest project continues to be the Puma Park Enhancement Project.
- Going forward, they are planning a fundraiser where people can decorate tiles to use around the playground.
- They have put in a grant this past November with the Community Preservation Committee to provide Mobi Mats and Mobi Fencing.
- The Commission has been in communication with the National Seashore regarding people who'd like to use the bike path at Head of the Meadow for walking but have a walker and find it difficult to park and then walk all the way to the entrance. The National Seashore has placed taking some of the land on the side near the entrance and turning it into a handicap parking place onto their worklist.
- Another big goal of the Commission is to provide education and awareness about universal design principles.
- In the next year the Commission looks forward to completing the Puma Park Project and doing more on what they are calling a Vital Intake Survey.
- They are anxious for the COA Director to come back.

Member Reed asked if there is anything the Select Board or the Town Manager can do to help support the work of the Commission. Chair Howe stated that they did have a specific request which would be addressed later in the agenda.

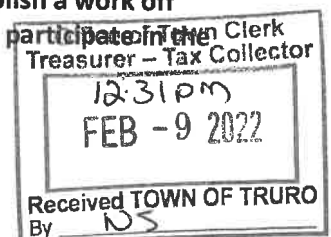
Tabled Items-None

Select Board Action

Disability Commission Proposal for Property Tax Work Off Program Town Meeting Article.

Chair Howe explained that they are requesting the Senior Tax Work Off Program be extended to people who have a disabled family member. This would go on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for a vote and from there it would go to the State House for a vote to approve. Chair Weinstein asked that Chair Howe speak more in depth about eligibility, what this would mean in terms of tax forgiveness, how many hours someone would need to volunteer, etc. Chair Howe gave a brief explanation. Assistant Town Manager Clark added that it would be a \$1,000 tax deduction off your tax bill for a participant which does a full year. She also stated that there was a half-time program as well.

Member Reed made a motion to direct staff to work with the Commission on Disabilities and Town Counsel to prepare a Truro Select Board Home Rule Petition Article that would establish a work off program for individuals with disabilities to reduce their property tax bill should they participate in the program.



Member Dundas 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.

Discuss and Approve Cooperative Acquisition of Easements for Herring River Restoration Project.

Atty. Klein introduced herself. She works primarily in real estate matters for towns. She is focused on two properties that will be affected in Truro, and both are located on Old County Road (one owned by the Town and one owned by a private citizen). It's anticipated that there will be an intermunicipal agreement between the Towns (Wellfleet and Truro) addressing these property interests. DPW Director Cabral walked the Select Board through the potential impact the culverts will have on these properties. This was followed by a summary of the project itself. DPW Director Cabral spoke about the cost, and how it was to be borne.

Chris Lucy spoke about the properties which would be affected in a flooding sense. He wonders how the intermunicipal agreement keeps the Town of Truro free from any liability on issues such as flooding which may occur with the new pipe. Land Use Counsel Carboni stated those questions would need to be answered before the Town enters into any agreement. The Town's liability would be an important part of that. At this point what's being asked of the Select Board is whether the Board agrees to the dual representation and whether the Board agrees to go forward with negotiating the intermunicipal agreements. Member Areson asked if the intermunicipal agreement would come back before the Board once negotiated. Atty. Klein stated an intermunicipal agreement would be signed off by the respective Select Boards of the Towns.

Member Areson made a motion that the Truro Select Board consent to KP Law, P.C. representing the Town of Truro with regard to the pending Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Wellfleet relating to the Herring River Restoration Project as disclosed in a letter to the Town dated January 7, 2022, notwithstanding that KP Law, P.C. also serves as Town Counsel for the Town of Wellfleet, and electronically sign the determination.

Member Reed 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.

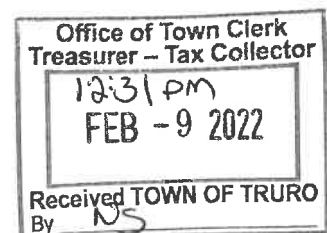
Member Areson made a motion to agree that Truro will enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Wellfleet concerning the Herring River Restoration project, the terms of such Intermunicipal Agreement to be finalized by the parties.

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.

Consent Agenda

Member Reed wished to recuse herself from Consent Agenda Item C as it relates to Chequessett Chocolate. Member Areson had some minor corrections to the minutes as did Member Rein.

Member Areson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed in the packet, noting Select Board Member Reed's recusal and the corrections made to the minutes.

Member Dundas 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

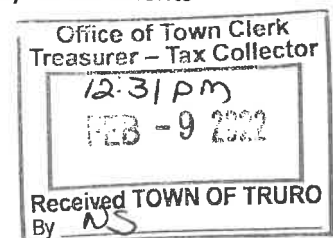
Member Dundas thanked the DPW for the job on the roads the past couple of weeks. He's had numerous meetings with other Boards/Committees.

Member Rein wished to thank all the Boards/Committees, Town Staff and her colleagues for all the work they do, and she wished everyone a happy New Year.

Member Areson mentioned that the Community Preservation Committee is having its public hearing at 5pm on February 1st and there are 12 grant applications. She encouraged people to attend. After the CPC votes, they will bring their recommendations to the Select Board. The Local Comprehensive Planning Committee met yesterday. The survey they are doing closes January 31st. There have been almost 600 responses. The LCPC will be doing some community forums and work with other committees that are doing work that will be included, or at least referenced in, the draft report that will go before the Town. She was disappointed in yesterday's meeting where the Chair of the Select Board publicly criticized the Planning Board.

Member Reed stated that the Economic Development Committee met on January 6th. Their work is moving forward. They are going to hold 5 virtual business development roundtables in the coming weeks. Dates and times are on a press release which has been posted on the Town website. In regard to Member Areson's and Anne Greenbaum's statements about comments Chair Weinstein made at an LCPC meeting, Member Reed stated she did not attend the meeting, but she did have some constituents reach out to her and they took issue with comments made by a Planning Board member. She feels everyone needs to be aware of comments and conduct during meetings.

Chair Weinstein is delighted that the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee is moving forward. He's troubled by the responses to a questionnaire which they sent out. The responses were mostly from an older demographic. If the Local Comprehensive Plan is going to be a document for the next 10 years he's eager to get responses from the younger portion of the community. He stands by his comments made at the meeting.



Town Manager Report

Assistant Town Manager Clark wanted to mention the Truro Rental Assistance Program, which people can get information on by going to [hpcapcod.org/rental assistance](http://hpcapcod.org/rental%20assistance) . The next Budget Task Force meeting will be held January 18th at 10:00am.

Next Meeting Agenda: Regular Meeting-January 25, 2022

Assistant Town Manager Clark went through the agenda for January 25th. Member Reed and Chair Weinstein asked to move the Curb Cut Policy review to a February meeting. Member Areson would like a topic added to an upcoming agenda regarding Kevin Kuechler's questions regarding the DPW. DPW Director Cabral stated that he has spoken with Town Manager Tangeman about holding this discussion at a February meeting.

Member Dundas made a motion to adjourn at 7:14pm.

Member Areson seconded.

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 01.11.2022

1. Application to Serve-Apryl Shenk
2. Application to Serve-Nancy Braun
3. Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council vacancy letter
4. Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council information letter
5. Application to Serve-Betty Gallo
6. Commission on Disabilities proposal
7. KP Law Summary: Authorizing a Home Rule Petition
8. Senior Municipal Service Program Guidelines FY20
9. General Law-Part 1, Title IX, Chapter 59, Section 5K
10. Signed Parchment
11. Expanding RESEX ATM-2019 ATM Warrant
12. Culvert Operations and Maintenance Memo
13. Herring River Impact on Town Property
14. KP Law Determination and Consent
15. Draft Intermunicipal Agreement
16. Renewal Applications for 2022: Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod; Box Lunch; Chequessett Chocolate; Salty Market
17. 2021 Annual ABCC Report from Truro
18. New Air Compressor Picture
19. Old Air Compressor and Fill Station Pictures (2)
20. Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes of 12.07.2021; Budget Task Force Minutes of 12.13.2021

