



Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, August 22, 2017
Executive Session - 4:30pm
Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting - 5:00pm
Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road

Executive Session: *Move that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §21(a) paragraph (2), to Discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel –Town Manager.*

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Open the Regular Meeting
- B. Public Comment Period - *The Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law limits any discussion by members of the Board of an issue raised to whether that issue should be placed on a future agenda*

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on Fiscal Year 2018 Tax Classification Hearing and Review and Approval of signatory authority to the Principal Assessor for the Classification Tax Allocation (LA-5)
Presenter: Cathy Fryxell, Principal Assessor

3. BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- A. Review and Approve Appointment of Chris Clark for the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee

4. TABLED ITEMS

- A. Beach Commission Discussion on Residential Only Parking Lot at Coast Guard Beach
(Tabled until 9/26)

5. BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

- A. None

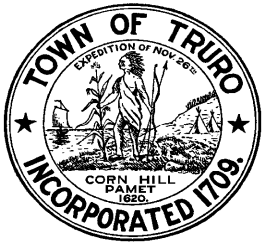
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- G. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes: August 8, 2017, and August 9, 2017 (Part-Time Resident Meeting)

7. SELECTMEN REPORTS AND TOWN MANAGER REPORT

8. SELECTMEN COMMENTS

9. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: Tuesday, September 12



TOWN OF TRURO

Board of Selectmen Agenda Item

DEPARTMENT: Assessors Department

REQUESTOR: Cathy Fryxell, Principal Assessor

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

ITEM: Tax Classification Hearing pursuant to MGL Ch. 40 S. 56

EXPLANATION:

Every year prior to setting the tax rate, the Selectmen must conduct a classification hearing for the purpose of determining the percentages of the local tax levy for the Fiscal Year and to vote on the tax rate options available to the municipality under the property tax classification statute, MGL Chapter 40, Sec. 56. The hearing is held after the Assessors have determined final values, classified all properties and reported this information to the Department of Revenue for certification. On August 11, 2017, the Department of Revenue certified Truro's Assessed Values for Fiscal Year 2018. The Assessors herein provide the Selectmen with the information necessary to make classification decisions.

Listed below are the FY2017 & 2018 levy totals by classification from the state report LA-5, allowing a visual of potential impact on the individual class. (The 2018 levy values are currently not certified as the recap process has not yet been completed.)

DOR Code	Municipality	Fiscal Year	Residential Levy	Open Space Levy	Commercial Levy	Industrial Levy	Personal Prop Levy	Total Tax Levy	Res/OS as a % of Total	CIP as a % of Total
300	Truro	2017	13,962,845	0	662,511	11,717	184,009	14,821,081	94.21	5.79
300	Truro	2018	14,748,056	0	689,428	12,229	195,772	15,645,485	94.26	5.74

1. Classifying the tax rate:

- Classifying the tax rate means applying the same or different tax rates to different classes of property (residential, open space, commercial, industrial and personal property) according to procedures and formulas set by state statutes. Truro does not

have any property that is classified by the DOR as Open Space.

- Voting a residential factor of “1” establishes that the same tax rate is applied to all classes of property at a single rate per thousand dollars of value.
- Voting a residential factor of “.9” would reallocate the tax from the residential and Open Space (by reducing their tax rate 10%) to the Commercial, Industrial & Personal Properties classes (by increasing their tax rate 10%).
- Though the tax rates would differ according to the property class, the total tax levy remains the same.
- At their meeting held on August 14, 2017, the Board of Assessors voted unanimously to recommend to vote a residential factor of “1”.

2. Open Space Discount:

- Truro does not have any properties classified (by the Department of Revenue) as Open Space so it would have no effect if the Board of Selectmen should vote on an open space discount.
- The Open Space properties are addressed through conservation restrictions or chapter land exemption.
- At their meeting held on August 14, 2017, the Board of Assessors voted unanimously to recommend to vote not to grant an Open Space discount.

3. Residential Exemption:

- The Residential exemption grants an exemption of up to 35% of the average residential property value for all eligible year-round resident property owners.
- Through the application procedure of the exemption to the year-round residents and the calculation of the new tax rate to recapture the exempted levy, the exemption results in reduced taxes being paid by the year-round resident property owners.
- At their meeting held on August 14, 2017, the Board of Assessors voted unanimously to recommend to vote to grant a residential exemption.

4. Small Commercial Exemption:

- This exemption would reallocate the tax within the Commercial and Industrial classes from the small Commercial and Industrial properties (under \$1million valuation & less than 10 employees) to larger Commercial and Industrial properties in Town.
- As Truro has a minimal Commercial/Industrial class, the Small Commercial exemption could cause hardship on some local businesses.
- At their meeting held on August 14, 2017, the Board of Assessors voted unanimously to recommend to vote not to grant a small business exemption which would reallocate the tax within the commercial, industrial and personal property classes from certain small commercial properties to other commercial and industrial properties.

5. LA-5 Signature:

- As part of the annual Recapitulation Report (Recap) being certified by the Department of Revenue, the Assessor is required to inform the Board of Selectmen the amount of the current year excess levy capacity. The Board's signature on the LA-5 Gateway Report is required as proof of this notification at the conclusion of the Classification Hearing.
- To expedite this step and avoid the need for each Selectman to come to the Assessor's Office and individually sign onto the Department of Revenues' Gateway form, please vote to authorize Cathy Fryxell, Principal Assessor, authorization to sign the LA-5 on behalf of the Selectmen.

FINANCIAL SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED: The Fiscal Year Tax Recapitulation Report cannot be completed and the new Tax Rate cannot be set in order to generate timely Real Estate Tax Bills.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- On the matter of **classifying the tax rate**,
Motion to approve a residential factor of "1".
- On the matter of an **open space discount**,
Motion to not grant an Open Space discount.
- On the matter of a **residential exemption**,
Motion to grant a residential exemption in the amount of 20 percent.
- On the matter of a **small commercial exemption**,
Motion to not grant a small business exemption.
- On the matter of **signing the State Form LA-5**,
Motion to grant authorization to Cathy Fryxell, Principal Assessor, to sign the LA-5 on behalf of the Selectmen.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Legal Notice
2. Recommendations from the Board of Assessors
3. State Tax Form LA-4 which indicates totals by class of the FY2018 certified parcel values
4. Authorization for the Principal Assessor's signature on LA-5 report

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF TRURO
PUBLIC NOTICE
TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING
AUGUST 22, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the Truro Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro, pursuant to MGL Ch. 40, Section 56, for the purpose of determining the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne in Fiscal Year 2018 by each class of property: residential, open space, commercial, industrial, and personal property. The Board of Assessors will present information and data relevant to making such determination, including the fiscal effect of the available alternatives. The public is encouraged to submit comments in writing to the Office of the Town Manager/Board of Selectmen, PO Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666, or in person at the hearing.

Paul Wisotzky, Chairman
Board of Selectmen



TRURO ASSESSORS OFFICE

P.O. Box 2012 Truro, MA 02666

Phone: (508) 349-7004

Fax: (508)349-5505

August 14, 2017

The Classification Hearing scheduled for August 22, 2017 is planned.

The Board of Assessors to make recommendations to the Selectmen,

To make a motion:

To vote a residential factor of "1". This action would maintain a 100% full value tax for all classes.


To vote **not** to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the granting of a **discount for open space**.

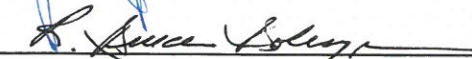
To vote to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the granting of a **residential exemption**.

- Adopt option 0-20 percentage
- ~~Adopt the option to exceed 20 percentage~~
- ~~Adopt the option not to grant~~

To vote **not** to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the granting of a **small business exemption**.

So voted on 8/14/17







Board of Assessors

ASSESSMENT/CLASSIFICATION REPORT as of January 1, 2017
Fiscal Year 2018

Property Type	Parcel Count	Class1 Residential	Class2 Open Space	Class3 Commercial	Class4 Industrial	Class5 Pers Prop
101	2,089	1,599,382,380				
102	536	153,679,600				
MISC 103,109	135	124,342,800				
104	56	33,873,420				
105	4	2,333,100				
111-125	9	6,311,100				
130-32,106	477	112,671,600				
200-231	0		0			
300-393	81			82,330,000		
400-442	4				1,693,700	
450-452	0				0	
CH 61 LAND	0	0	0	0		
CH 61A LAND	6	7	0	29,900		
CH 61B LAND	0	0	0	0		
012-043	28	9,384,186	0	13,128,694	0	
501	2,165					12,829,730
502	51					3,055,070
503	0					0
504	1					9,297,340
505	3					1,353,300
506	0					0
508	4					579,860
550-552	0					0
TOTALS	5,656	2,041,978,186	0	95,488,594	1,693,700	27,115,300
Real and Personal Property Total Value						2,166,275,780
Exempt Parcel Count & Value					427	177,133,600

For CH 61, 61A and 61B Land: enter the mixed use parcel count in the left-hand box, and enter the 100% Chapter land parcel count in the right-hand box.

Signatures
<p>Board of Assessors</p> <p>Cathy Fryxell, Principal Assessor , Truro , cfryxell@truro-ma.gov 508-349-7004 8/11/2017 11:00 AM</p> <p>Comment: On Behalf of Board of Assessors</p>

Comments
No comments to display.

NOTE : The information was Approved on 8/11/2017



TOWN OF TRURO

P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666
Tel: 508-349-7004, Extension: 110 or 124
Fax: 508-349-5505

To: Bureau of Accounts
From: Board of Selectmen
Date: August 22, 2017
RE: Authorization to sign electronically

At the Classification Hearing held this evening, August 22, 2017, the Board of Selectmen voted to grant Principal Assessor, Cathy Fryxell signing authority on the LA-5 form on our behalf. The minutes will be forwarded to you when completed.

Thank you,

Truro Board of Selectmen

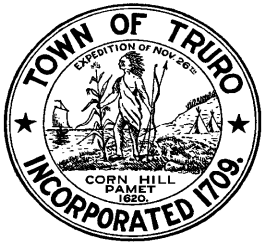
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Board of Selectmen Agenda Item

DEPARTMENT: Administration

REQUESTOR: Rae Ann Palmer, Town Manager

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

ITEM: Approval of Chris Clark's Application to Serve on the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee.

EXPLANATION: There is vacancy on the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee due to Chris Lucy's resignation. Chris Clark submitted an Application to Serve on July 25, 2017 for the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee. He has completed his Acknowledgement of Receipt of the Summary of the Conflict of Interest Law, the Policy #54 Memorandum, and his Mass. State Online Ethics Training.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *MOTION TO appoint Chris Clark to serve on the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee until the work of the Committee is completed.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Application to Serve



TOWN OF TRURO

P.O. Box 2030, Truro MA 02666

Tel: (508) 349-7004 Fax: (508) 349-5505

APPLICATION TO SERVE ON AN APPOINTED MULTI-MEMBER BODY

NAME: Christopher W. Clark HOME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 1 Higgins Hollow Rd WORK PHONE: [REDACTED]

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 159 E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

FAX: _____ MULTI-MEMBER BODY ON WHICH I WISH TO SERVE: _____

Local Comprehensive Plan Committee

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OR INTEREST: Born on Cape, ~~had~~ lived and raised in Wellfleet and in Truro. Well educated. Analytical mind. Very interested in Truro's health and future and in contributing in a meaningful way towards viable solutions.

COMMENTS: _____

SIGNATURE: *Christopher W. Clark* DATE: 25 July 2017

COMMENT/RECOMENDATION OF CHAIRPERSON OF MULTI-MEMBER BODY (OPTIONAL) _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

INTERVIEW DATE: _____ APPOINTMENT DATE (IF APPLICABLE): _____



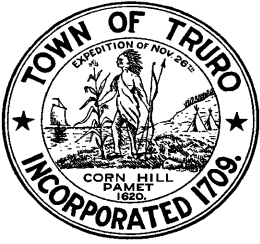
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DEPARTMENT: Administration

REQUESTOR: Noelle Scoullar, Executive Assistant

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

ITEM: Application for a Curb Cut Permit

EXPLANATION: Lee Scott Deering has submitted an application for a curb cut permit at 20 Whitmanville Road. Both DPW Director Cabral, and Police Chief Danziger, have approved and signed off on this application. The Board of Selectmen is next in line for approvals.

FINANCIAL SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE): N/A

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED: Curb cut will not be allowed.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *MOTION TO approve the curb cut for 20 Whitmanville Road and authorize the Chair to sign.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Application for Curb Cut Permit for 20 Whitmanville Road.

EXHIBIT 1

TOWN OF TRURO
APPLICATION FOR A CURB CUT PERMIT

Note: This permit application must be accompanied by a plan. If this permit is being applied for by someone other than the Owner of the property, the owner's signature must appear at the bottom of the application.

Date: 7/25/2017

To the Board of Selectmen
24 Town Hall Road
P. O. Box 2030
Truro, MA 02666

Re: **APPLICATION FOR A CURB CUT**

Dear Board Members:

The applicant(s) hereby make application for a curb cut as follows:

Name(s): Lee Scott Deering

Address: 20 Whitmanville rd Box 299 with Truro - 02652

Curb Cut Street Location: 20 Whitmanville - Directly across from Overlook drive

Affected Town or State road: Whitmanville rd

Truro Assessor's Map Number: 43 Parcel Number: 76

Name of contractor: myself

Reason/explanation: Back driveway to Access the finished Baru being built at the back of my property

I/we hereby agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this policy and attached Exhibits:

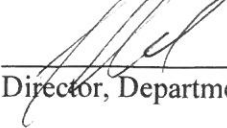
Applicant's Signature: Lee Scott Deering 7/25/2017

Owner's Signature (if different): _____ Date: _____

Owner's Address (if different): _____

Director, Department of Public Works Preliminary Approval:

Approved Disapproved Not Applicable



Director, Department of Public Works

11 August

Date

Chief of Police Approval:

Approved Disapproved Not applicable



Chief of Police

8/11/17

Date

Board of Selectmen Approval:

Approved Disapproved

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Date

Planning Board Approval (if required):

Approved Disapproved Not Applicable

Chairman, Planning Board

Date

Building Commissioner Approval:

Approved Disapproved Building Permit Number _____

Building Commissioner

Date

Mass Highway Referral (if required):

Date Forwarded _____

Signature

Director, Department of Public Works Declaration of Compliance:

I have inspected the property located at _____ and found the work requested on the Application for a Curb Cut dated _____ to be in compliance with the Board of Selectmen Policy #28 - Curb Cut Policy.

Director, Department of Public Works

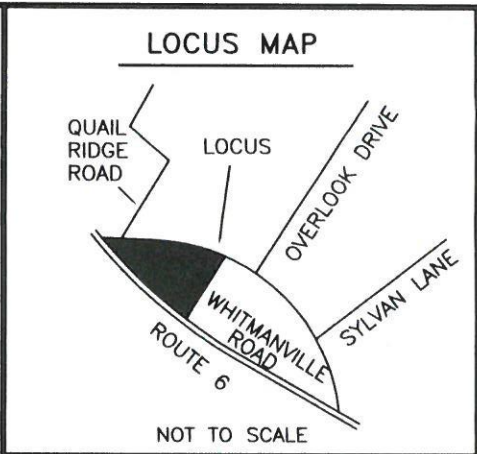
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Building Commissioner Final Approval:

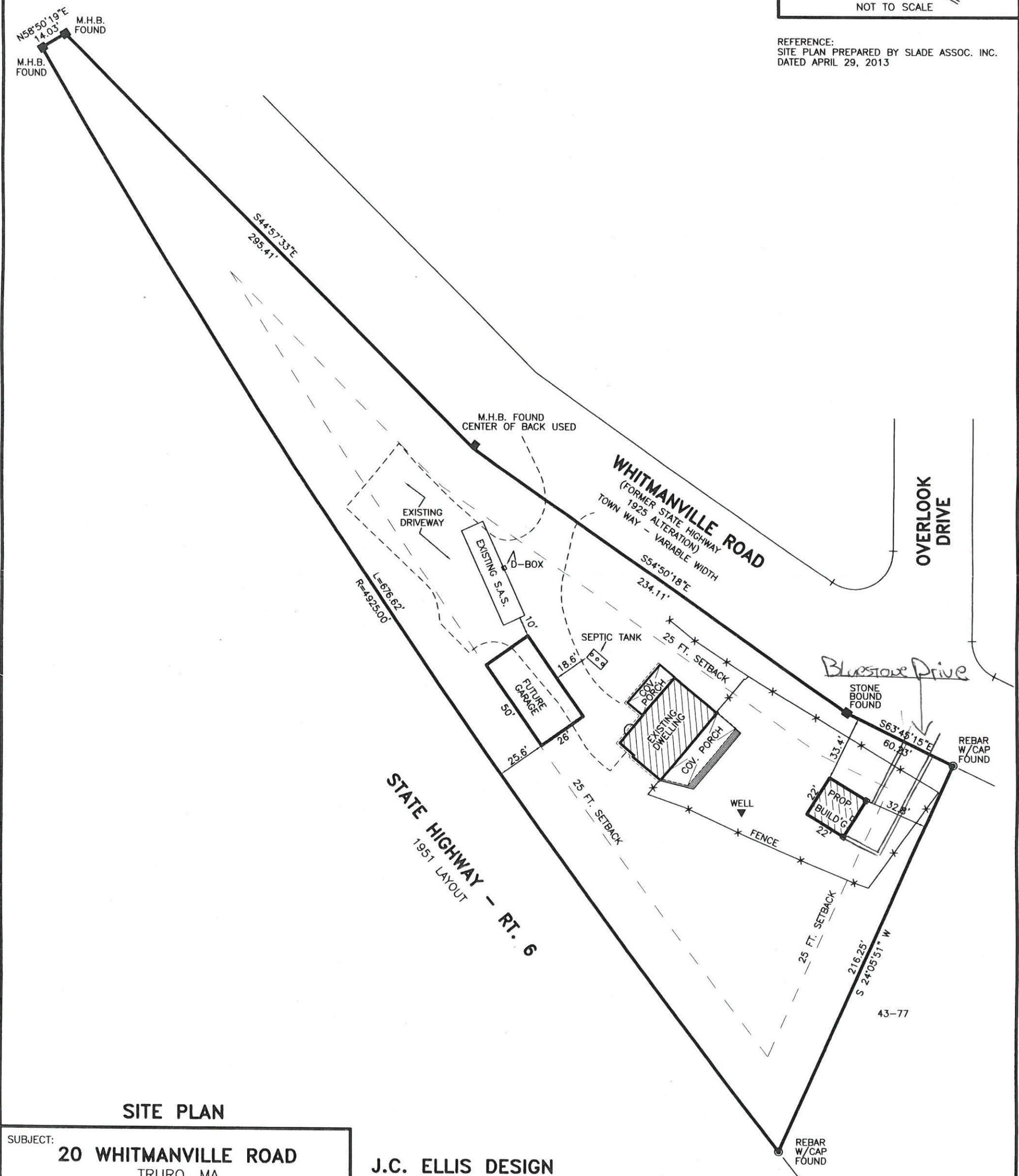
Approved Disapproved Certificate of Occupancy _____

Building Commissioner

Date



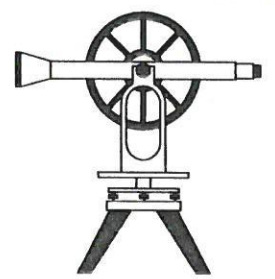
REFERENCE:
 SITE PLAN PREPARED BY SLADE ASSOC. INC.
 DATED APRIL 29, 2013



SITE PLAN

SUBJECT: 20 WHITMANVILLE ROAD TRURO, MA	
PREPARED FOR: LEE SCOTT DEERING PO BOX 253 NORTH TRURO, MA 02652	
ASSESSOR'S MAP 43 PARCEL 76	SCALE: 1" = 50'
DATE: APRIL 13, 2016 REVISED:	SHEET 1 OF 1

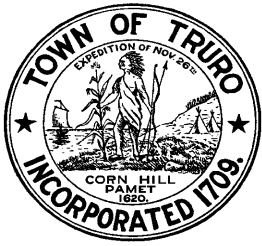
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MICHAEL LADUE, P.L.S.



TOWN OF TRURO

Board of Selectmen Agenda Item

DEPARTMENT: Administration

REQUESTOR: Rae Ann Palmer, Town Manager

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

ITEM: Approval and signing of Eversource Rate Increase Letter

EXPLANATION: Maggie Downey of Cape Light Compact prepared comments for member Towns to submit to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) regarding the Eversource rate increases that were filed on January 17, 2017 and the subsequent filing on June 1st of revisions to their proposal. The revision proposes shifting \$30 million annually in costs from Western MA electrical customers to Eastern MA residential customers, including shifting costs from commercial customers to residential customers. This rate increase will provide Eversource an additional \$50 per year in fixed charges even if customers reduce or maintain their normal electricity usage. In addition, there will also be a new demand charge starting January 1, 2018 for net-metered customers and those that install solar/PV or other renewables which will serve as a deterrent to implementation of clean energy solutions.

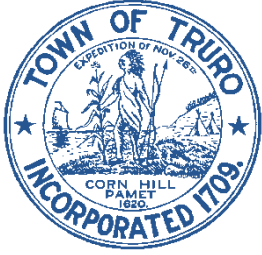
The DPU has reopened the public comment period through August 31st. The Cape Light Compact is encouraging written comments opposing the shift in costs and I concur with their recommendation. If you would like additional information, it can be found at <http://www.capelightcompact.org/advocacy/ratecase/>.

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED: Truro's voice will not be heard on increases that will have an impact on Truro residents.

SUGGESTED ACTION: MOTION TO *approve signing and sending the Eversource Rate Increase Letter for the Public Comment Period of the Department of Public Utilities for the Eversource Rate Case.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Eversource Rate Increase letter to Mark D. Marini, Secretary Department of Public Utilities



TOWN OF TRURO

P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666

Office of the Board of Selectmen

Tel: 508-349-7004, Extension: 110 or 124 Fax: 508-349-5505

SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL

August 22, 2017

Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

dpu.efiling@state.ma.us
marc.tassone@state.ma.us

RE: Eversource Rate Case (DPU 17-05) - Revised Rate Design submitted 6/1/2017

Dear Secretary Marini:

We are writing to advise you that the Board of Selectmen from the Town of Truro does not support the proposed Eversource rate increases filed on January 17th, 2017 and the proposal to further increase costs to Eastern Massachusetts residential customers that was filed June 1, 2017.

The Board specifically objects to the following elements of the Eversource Rate Case, DPU-17-05:

1. **Shifting costs from Western Massachusetts to Eastern Massachusetts.** Eversource's June 1st proposal requires residential customers in Eastern Massachusetts to subsidize Western Massachusetts customers by shifting an additional **\$30 million annually** to Eastern Massachusetts residential customers. Costs incurred to provide electric service to Western Massachusetts customers should be borne by those customers, and not shifted to Eastern Massachusetts customers. Saddling Eastern Massachusetts residential electric customers with an additional \$30 million in annual costs with no benefits is unfair and unduly burdensome to our residents. This is cross-subsidization and the DPU should not allow it.
2. **Shifting costs associated with Eastern Massachusetts commercial customers to Eastern Massachusetts residential customers.** Given the high percentage of residential customers and second home owners on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard, this will be a significant economic impact on our community. Costs incurred to provide service to commercial customers should not be borne by residential customers, and we respectfully request that the DPU reject this proposal.

3. **Eversource's proposal to more than double the fixed customer charge for residential ratepayers.** A higher fixed customer charge devalues energy efficiency because it decreases a customers' ability to lower their electric bill by using less kilowatt hours. This increased customer charge means customers will pay Eversource an additional \$50 per year in fixed charges, even if they reduce or maintain their normal electricity usage.
4. **Eversource's proposed high return on equity.** Eversource making a 10.5% return on equity - which is higher than the national average for a regulated utility (according to MA Attorney General, national average is 9.3%) and higher than rate cases in other New England states that were approved in 2016 (9.1% in CT, 9.0% in ME). Eversource's return on equity should be consistent with the national average.
5. **Proposed new demand charges for renewable customers.** Eversource's proposed new demand charges for customers who install solar/PV and other renewables, and the proposed higher fixed customer charges for solar/PV starting in 2018. These new charges, coupled with the lowering of the net metering credit value for all customers, will adversely impact the state's efforts to achieve the goals of the Massachusetts Green Communities Act and the Global Warming Solutions Act.

In closing, the DPU should not allow Eversource to force Eastern Massachusetts residential ratepayers to subsidize other ratepayers, and should reject the elements of their rate case that limit customer control over their energy costs and discourage customers from producing their own clean energy.

Sincerely,

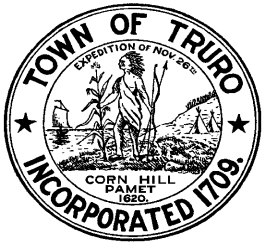
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Board of Selectmen Agenda Item

DEPARTMENT: Administration

REQUESTOR: Nicole Tudor, Executive Assistant, on behalf of Sunny Lee Jones, Steering Committee Member, Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

ITEM: Proclamation acknowledging September 10-16 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Week

EXPLANATION: In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month, the Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition is seeking to have the week of September 10-16 named "Suicide Prevention Awareness Week" in all of the Cape and Islands towns.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *MOTION TO acknowledge September 10-16th as Suicide Prevention Awareness Week in the town of Truro and to sign the proclamation.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. July 17, 2017 Letter from Sunny Lee Jones, Steering Committee Member, Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition
2. Proclamation

Kevin A. Marshall
Co-Chair

Deborah K. Martin
Co-Chair



P.O. Box 119
Barnstable, Massachusetts
02630

www.suicidaispreventable.net

July 17, 2017

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

TOWN OF TRURO

Dear Board of Selectmen:

Each year, we lose more than 30 Cape & Island residents to suicide. For each of these suicide deaths, it is estimated more than 40 people are affected, 6 of them profoundly. Suicide is a public health issue in our communities; and it is preventable.

In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month, the Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition is once again seeking to have the week of September 10-16 2017 named "Suicide Prevention Awareness Week" in all of the Cape and Islands towns.

We aim to recognize this painful and often hidden part our communities, to demonstrate our commitment to suicide prevention, and to send a message of hope to those struggling, grieving, or affected in any way by suicide. We know that by decreasing the stigma that surrounds suicide, we increase the likelihood that someone will reach out for help.

Please accept this proclamation request for the selectman's agenda for an early September or late August meeting (Sample proclamation wording is attached) we appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to hearing from you.

The proclamation can be emailed to me at suicideprevention@capecoalition.com or mailed to me at: Cape and Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition, P.O. Box 119, Barnstable, MA 02630

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sunny Lee Jones".

Sunny Lee Jones
Steering Committee Member
Cape & Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition

PROCLAMATION

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12 minutes and 121 people die by suicide each day; and

WHEREAS, 20 veterans die by suicide each day; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death for Massachusetts residents ages 15-44 and the suicide rate on the Cape and Islands is 1.4 times higher than the State average; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a tragic and disruptive event for families and communities ~ it is estimated that annually, there are 6.3 million suicide loss survivors who have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health issue and a community concern, and through increased education and awareness of the issue a great number of suicides can be prevented;

THEREFORE, we do hereby officially designate the week of September 10-16, 2017 as “**SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK**”.

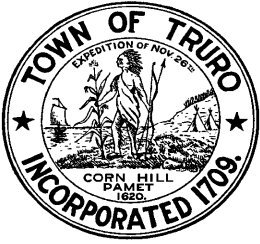
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TOWN OF TRURO

Board of Selectmen Agenda Item

DEPARTMENT: Administration

REQUESTOR: Noelle Scoullar, Executive Assistant, on behalf of Stephanie Kelly, Executive Director of the Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

ITEM: Proclamation to designate September 7, 2017 as “Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands Day” in the Town of Truro, Massachusetts.

EXPLANATION: On September 7, 2017, Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands will be celebrating its 40 years of service in our community with an event at the Barnstable Performing Arts Center. The organization is requesting that we designate September 7, 2017 as “Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands Day” in the Town of Truro, Massachusetts.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *MOTION TO approve the proclamation from the Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands and authorize the Chair to sign.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Information cover letter
2. Proclamation



Founder *Monica Dickens*
Executive Director *Stephanie G. Kelly*

July 24, 2017

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
TOWN OF TRURO

Address
P. O. Box 65
Falmouth, MA 02541

Board of Selectmen
Town of Truro
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401 Middle Road, Bettlebung Corners
Truro, MA 02666

Phone
508.548.7999

Dear Board Members:

Fax
508.548.7998

On September 7, 2017, Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands will be celebrating its 40 years of service in our community with an event at the Barnstable Performing Arts Center. In those 40 years, our organization has grown, supports have been added, and changes have been made to adapt to our changing world. While suicide unfortunately remains a public health concern, we are very proud of the work we have done to reduce the numbers of those lost and to assuage the pain that so many deal with on a day-to-day basis, including:

Email
ccsamaritans@verizon.net

- training over 885 volunteers;
- answering over 630,000 incoming calls to the Crisis Lines
- making over 5,700 outgoing calls to seniors through the Senior Outreach program;
- sending over 375 Care Packages to survivors who have lost someone to suicide;
- facilitating over 375 support groups for survivors who have lost someone to suicide;
- presenting over 700 speaking engagements.

Website
www.CapeSamaritans.org

While our organization has changed during the last 40 years, there is one thing that has remained the same – our dedication to supporting those who feel isolated and lonely, those dealing with mental health issues, and those who are feeling suicidal.

On behalf of our organization, I hope that the Truro Board of Selectmen will accept this proclamation request for inclusion on your agenda in late August. If approved by the Board, I would be honored to attend the meeting to accept on behalf of the Samaritans, or in the alternative, the proclamation can be emailed to me at ccsamaritans@verizon.net or by regular mail to P.O. Box 65, Falmouth, MA 02541.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Stephanie G. Kelly
Executive Director

Crisis Phone Lines
508.548.8900
800.893.9900

Proclamation

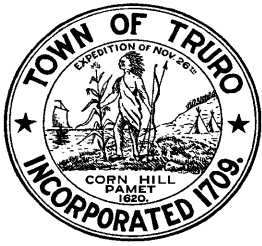
WHEREAS, FOR 40 YEARS SAMARITANS ON CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS HAS STRIVED TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE OF SUICIDE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY BY ASSISTING THOSE WHO ARE LONELY, ALIENATED, AND DEPRESSED, THROUGH:

- COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS
- CONFIDENTIAL AND ANONYMOUS CRISIS LINE RESPONSE
 - CONFIDENTIAL OUTREACH CALL PROGRAMS; AND
- CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT GROUPS AND MATERIALS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE TO SUICIDE AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

THEREFORE, WE DO HEREBY OFFICIALLY DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 AS
“SAMARITANS ON CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS DAY”
IN THE TOWN OF TRURO, MASSACHUSETTS.

TOWN OF TRURO, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE



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Board of Selectmen Agenda Item

DEPARTMENT: Administration

REQUESTOR: Nicole Tudor, Executive Assistant

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

ITEM: Reappointment of Board/Committee/Commission Member

EXPLANATION: The following individuals wish to be reappointed to the Board or Committee on which they currently serve:

- *David Krieger-Dewitt to the Agricultural Commission for the term of 8/22/2017-6/30/2020.*
- *Jennifer Shannon to the Taxation Aid Committee for the term of 8/22/2017-6/30/2020.*

The attached check list provides information regarding these individual's compliance with appointment requirements.

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED: The applicants will not be able to participate on their respective Committee or Board.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *MOTION TO appoint David Dewitt to serve on the Agricultural Commission for a three year term ending June 30, 2020 and to appoint Jennifer Shannon to serve on the Taxation Aid Committee for a three year term ending June 30, 2020.*

ATTACHMENTS

1. Application to Serve
2. Reappointment checklist



TOWN OF TRURO

P.O. Box 2030, Truro MA 02666

Tel: (508) 349-7004 Fax: (508) 349-5505

APPLICATION TO SERVE ON AN APPOINTED MULTI-MEMBER BODY

NAME: David Krieger-Dewitt HOME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 41 Holsbery Rd* WORK PHONE: Same

MAILING ADDRESS: Po Box 613 *Leases property E-MAIL: TruroAgFair@gmail.com

FAX: _____ MULTI-MEMBER BODY ON WHICH I WISH TO SERVE: Agriculture
Commission

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OR INTEREST: Worked as chair for years
Farmer,

COMMENTS: Looking forward to finishing the work
we started and getting the Ag definition
on the town warrant

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 8-4-17

COMMENT/RECOMENDATION OF CHAIRPERSON OF MULTI-MEMBER BODY (OPTIONAL) _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

INTERVIEW DATE: _____ APPOINTMENT DATE (IF APPLICABLE): _____



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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON AN APPOINTED MULTI-MEMBER BODY

NAME: Jennifer Shannon HOME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 11 Fisherman's Rd. WORK PHONE: [REDACTED]
NO. TRURO MA

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 1045 NO. TRURO E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

FAX: _____ MULTI-MEMBER BODY ON WHICH I WISH TO SERVE: TRURO
TAXATION AID Committee

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OR INTEREST: I have served on the
Board since 2007. I helped develop the
Application & Guidelines.

COMMENTS: _____

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 8/9/17

COMMENT/RECOMENDATION OF CHAIRPERSON OF MULTI-MEMBER BODY (OPTIONAL)
JENNIFER HAS SERVED ON THE TAXATION AID COMMITTEE FOR TEN YEARS WITH DILIGENCE, SENSITIVITY
AND PROFESSIONALISM, IS SKILLED IN THE ANALYSIS OF APPLICATIONS AND HAS A GOOD GRASP
OF COMMITTEE PROTOCOL. JENNIFER WORKS WELL WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE AND I WELCOME HER CONTINUED SERVICE.

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 8/9/17 RCVD 2017AUG 9 PM 12:08
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INTERVIEW DATE: _____ APPOINTMENT DATE (IF
APPLICABLE): _____ TOWN OF TRURO



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Committees/Commissions/Board Members Seeking Reappointment

Committee/Commission/Board Name: **Agricultural Commission**

Committee/Commission/Board Member Name: **David Krieger-Dewitt, Chair**

Length of term: **3 Year Term**

Chair's endorsement of reappointment n/a

Standards of Professional Conduct signed

On-Line Ethics Training Completed *Certificates good for 2 years*

Signed Acknowledgment/Summary of Conflict of Interest Law

Committee/Commission/Board Name: **Taxation Aid Committee**

Committee/Commission/Board Member Name: **Jennifer Shannon**

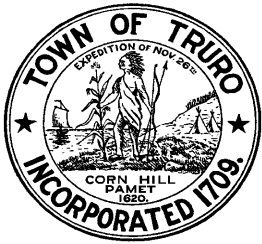
Length of term: **3 Year Term**

Chair's endorsement of reappointment

Standards of Professional Conduct signed

On-Line Ethics Training Completed *Certificates good for 2 years*

Signed Acknowledgment/Summary of Conflict of Interest Law



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Board of Selectmen Agenda Item

DEPARTMENT: Licensing Department

REQUESTOR: Nicole Tudor, Executive Assistant on behalf of Laura Kelly of Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

ITEM: Approval of the One Day Entertainment License for August 31st, 2017 Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA) education and celebration at Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod, 11 Shore Road.

EXPLANATION: MGL Chapter 140 § 181 provides local authority to license performance events. POCCA has submitted a One Day Entertainment Application for education and celebration with live music. The One Day Entertainment Application for review and approval are for Thursday, August 31st, 2017 from 6:00-9:00pm. The Entertainment application has been reviewed by the Chief of Police.

FINANCIAL SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE): N/A

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED: POCCA will not be able to hold their event on August 31st.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *MOTION TO approve the One Day Entertainment License for POCCA for Thursday, August 31st, 2017 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at 11 Shore Road in Truro and to authorize the Chair to sign the application.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. One Day Entertainment Application approved by Chief of Police



TOWN OF TRURO

Licensing Department

PO Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666

PH: 508-349-7004, Ext. 10 or 24 Fax: 508-349-5505

Email: ntudor@truro-ma.gov or nscoullar@truro-ma.gov

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

TOWN OF TRURO

Application for an Entertainment License

Weekday Saturday Sunday *Please complete the Commonwealth's Public Entertainment on Sunday Application

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of Mass. General Laws, c.140 §183A amended, Ch. 140§181 & Ch.136§4

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: Laura Kelley Business/Organization Name: Pocahontas C&S

Mailing Address of Business/Organization: PO Box 17 W. Greenham, MA 02651

Is this a Non-profit or For-profit Entity (Check the appropriate box) Yes No
If yes, proof of Non-profit status must accompany this application

Contact Person: Laura Kelley Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: pocahontascos@gmail.com

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Individual's Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

EVENT INFORMATION

Day (s)/Date (s) of Event for License to be issued: August 31, 2017 Purpose of Event (example: fundraiser): Benefit

Hours of Event (from - to): 6p to 9pm

Location (Must provide facility name, if any, street number and name): Truro Vineyards Event is: Indoor Outdoor Event (Please check applicable box)

Property Owner Name and Address: Kristen + David Roberts Phone number: _____

Seating Capacity: 50? Occupancy Number: _____

Name of Caterer (if applicable): _____ Approximate number of people attending: 50?

If the event is catered please return Caterer Food Service Form to Health Agent at Fax # 508.349.5508

Will an admission fee be collected? Yes No

Will there be a One Day Alcohol License Yes No

If yes; you must also apply for a One Day Alcohol License

Will there be Police Traffic Control? Yes No

ENTERTAINMENT INFORMATION

Type of Entertainment: Please check the appropriate boxes.

Dancing: By Patron By Entertainers No Dancing

Music: Recorded Juke Box Live No Music

Number of Musicians & Instruments (Type) (4 people) - 3 singers, guitar
Amplified System: Yes No

Shows: Theater Movies Floor Show Light Show
 No Show

Other: Video Games Pool/Billiard Tables (Please indicate quantity) _____

Applicant's Signature

I certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that the above information is true and that I will comply with all applicable regulations of the Town of Truro.

Signature _____

Date 8.14.17

- A valid entertainment license must be on the premises before the entertainment is commenced.
- No entertainment shall be offered, conducted, or otherwise provided by any establishment licensed under MGL Chapter 140 without first obtaining an entertainment license from the Board of Selectmen.
- Sunday entertainment must be specifically requested and addressed in the permitting process.
- These regulations are intended to allow the Board of Selectmen to determine the appropriate parameters to limit impacts to the neighbors of the establishment and to the community by the establishment and the entertainment provided therein.
- A copy of the required Fire Safety Inspection Certificate of the facility must be provided, if applicable.
- The Local Licensing Authority may impose restrictions and/or conditions.

Office Use Only

APPROVAL

License No 2017-18

Board of Selectmen _____ Meeting Date _____

Police Department Craig D Date 8/14/17

Restrictions/Conditions attached to the license by the Board of Selectmen or its Delegate: _____

Pocca Benefit
Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer

Featuring

COMMUNITY
CREATURES

at

TRURO VINEYARDS

Thursday, August 31st
6-9PM

S NO. 15336
CAP. 750

TRURO
VINEYARDS
OF CAPE COD

Consent Agenda Item: 6G

Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2017 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Members Present: Chair Paul Wisotzky; Maureen Burgess, Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein, Janet Worthington

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

TABLED ITEM

The Beach Commission discussion on a Residential Only Parking Lot at Coast Guard Beach has been tabled until September 26, 2017.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Building Project

Erin Orcutt, Business Manager for Cape Cod Regional Technical (CCT) High, made a presentation on their building project. She thanked Trudi Brazil and the Truro School Committee, explained the importance of tech skills, gave enrollment figures, outlined the history of the project so far, gave the expected next steps in 2017, explained the alternatives considered, and pinpointed the location of the new construction. Ms. Orcutt also provided regional enrollments, valuations, financial impact for Truro, debt schedules for 30 years, and the vote mechanics according to Chapter 71 Section 16 (n). She affirmed that a majority vote of the towns is needed to approve the project. She requested endorsement from Truro.

Jay Coburn moved to endorse the project and urged the voters to approve. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Update on Pesticide Control Options

Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark gave an update on options for pesticide control. KP Law said the Town had limited ability to do so because the Mass Pesticide Board has the exclusive authority to regulate pesticides in Massachusetts. Town staff has worked with Wellfleet and Provincetown to mitigate mosquito control companies. They considered sending letters to the Pesticide Board, banning foggers, and contacting Representative Sarah Peake to work on amendments. Conservation agents from the three towns worked on a regional complaint form. The Mass Pesticide Board insists on evidence with dates, time and weather. The three towns discussed issuing a joint press release, the common form, the jurisdictional issues, holding regional informational session, launching a Frequently Asked Questions on each town's website, and continuing to compile complaints. Rae Ann Palmer said that the health agents intend to bring the possibilities before the health boards of the three towns.

Janet Worthington moved to direct the Assistant Town Manager to draft a letter for review, on behalf of the Selectmen, to the Board of the Wellfleet Board of Selectmen regarding the licensing of mosquito spraying companies in their community; and/or direct the Town Manager to draft a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Massachusetts Pesticide Board encouraging the Pesticide Board to petition for legislation that would limit the use of "foggers" as an application method to limit "chemical drift"; and/or authorize a Selectperson to contact Representative Peake and/or Senator Cyr

on behalf of the Board to ask for their support in amending the current Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act (MGL 1328) to provide more regulatory control to local communities.

Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Skip Childs came forward and thanked the Board. He had an update on the pesticide applications that have been done on his abutter's property. He said an agent from the Department of Agriculture has taken samples for lab study from his property.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: *None*

B. Review and Approve Reappointments of Hannah Shrand; Truro Council on Aging

C. Review and Approve Sunday Entertainment Sustainable Cape Truro AgFair September 3, 2017

D. Review and Approve One Day Alcohol License-Pamet Harbor Yacht Club August 19, 2017

E. Review and Approve Sunday Entertainment Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod September 24, 2017

F. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes: July 25, 2017

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Paul Wisotzky abstained from Item D.

SELECTMEN REPORTS AND TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Selectmen made their reports. Jan Worthington said she had met with Representative Sarah Peake and the Harbor Committee about ramp fees. Representative Peake followed up with information on user fees for moorings and ramps from the Chatham Harbor Master. Maureen Burgess said four part-time residents had approached her with their concerns about a residential tax exemption. She also said that the Planning Board will begin discussion of a town-wide house size bylaw. Finally she said she had shared an e-mail about conditions at Snow's Field. Paul Wisotzky gave a reminder about the Part-time Residents' meeting the next day. He announced that the Truro Housing Authority and Highland Affordable Housing are to receive the Community Partnership Housing Award from Habitat for Humanity on September 14, 2017. Jay Coburn said he had been receiving e-mails about the proposed residential tax exemption. He asked about applications, and Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said that from the 800 eligible properties about 200 applications had been submitted. Robert Weinstein concurred about Representative Peake's help for the Pamet Harbor Committee. He called attention to a pipe in the channel that needs to be marked until it is removed by the dredging company. He also thanked staff, the Shellfish Advisory Committee and Shellfish Warden for their work in increasing shellfishing in Truro this year.

Bruce Boleyn came forward to recognize the excellent job Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark had done while the Town Manager was on vacation. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer agreed and was glad to hear the praise from others. Ms. Palmer reported on plans to remove the pipe hazard from Pamet Harbor. In September there are plans for a joint meeting with Provincetown Selectmen to review a matrix for sharing services. The Cloverleaf property deed is being prepared with attention to traffic, but a right-hand only turn is not being required. The process for planning the Affordable Housing on the site will be getting underway. Her other work has been on closing out the year. She said that the Classification Hearing will take place on August 22nd.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Robert Weinstein commented on the success of the Pan Mass Challenge but said he would like to have the road manager for the event meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss their route through

Truro. Rae Ann Palmer said she is already working with staff to have a discussion with the road manager regarding use of side roads and fees to the Town since police details are needed to direct the riders and traffic.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Rae Ann Palmer reviewed the agenda for the August 22, 2017: the Classification Hearing, an appointment for the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee, a Suicide Prevention Week proclamation, reappointments, a letter on Eversource rate increases and review of ten Selectmen's Policies.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers, Secretary

Paul Wisotzky, Chair

Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair

Jay Coburn

Janet Worthington

Robert Weinstein, Clerk

Public Records Material of 8/8/17

1. Printed PowerPoint slides for CCT
2. Reappointment of Hannah Shrand; Truro Council on Aging
3. Sunday Entertainment Sustainable Cape Truro AgFair September 3, 2017
4. One Day Alcohol License-Pamet Harbor Yacht Club August 19, 2017
5. Sunday Entertainment Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod September 24, 2017

**Truro Board of Selectmen
Part Time Resident Summer Meeting
Wednesday, August 9, 2017
Truro Community Center, 7 Standish Way, Truro**

Members Present: Chair Paul Wisotzky; Maureen Burgess, Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein, Janet Worthington

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Town Counsel John Giorgio

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the meeting: direct communication with the part-time residents. Chair Wisotzky also recommended communicating through e-mail and the Town website. There were five main topics of discussion on the meeting's agenda: Environmental Projects, Staff Introductions, Town Permitting Procedures, Bicycle Safety, and Residential Property Tax Exemptions. In addition, there was time planned for public input on these and other topics of concern.

Update on Environmental Projects

Assistant Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe and DPW Director Jarrod Cabral gave updates on five environmental projects. These included the Pamet River Restoration, Eagle Neck Creek and Millpond, the East Harbor culvert and salt marsh restoration, Little Pamet River assessment, and the culvert on Old County Road. Rae Ann Palmer answered a question from the audience about the computers that gather information on site.

Staff Introductions and Changes

Rae Ann Palmer introduced the staff: Assistant Town Manager Kelly Sullivan Clark; COA Director Susan Travers; Assessor Cathy Fryxell; Recreation Director Damion Clements; Town Accountant Trudi Brazil; Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector Cynthia Slade; Fire Chief Tim Collins; Library Director Tricia Ford; Harbor Master/Shellfish Warden Tony Jackett, IT Director David Wennerberg; Police Chief Craig Danziger; Sergeant Steven Raneo; Executive Assistants Nicole Tudor and Noelle Scoullar; and Custodian Jeff Falk.

Update on Changes to Town Permitting Procedures

Jarrod Cabral and Kelly Clark explained changes in obtaining permits for the Transfer Station. There is now license recognition in use at the Transfer Station. Rae Ann Palmer discussed a new option of a six-month sticker for the Transfer Station. From the audience, Rachel Carter commented negatively about the elimination of the bag fee at the Transfer Station.

Bicycle Safety

Robert Weinstein gave information on bicycle safety including a report on the recent Pan Mass Challenge. He cautioned the audience that Truro roads were not designed to handle the summer increase in traffic. He noted the designated bike lanes on Route 6.

Additional Introductions

Paul Wisotzky introduced some committee members who were also present at the meeting: Bob Panessiti, Chair of the Finance Committee; Carl Brotman, Chair of the Housing Authority and Cathy Haynes, Chair of the Bike & Walkways Committee.

Residential Property Tax Exemption Presentation

Chair Wisotzky gave the background explanation of the use of a residential property tax exemption and the steps the Town has taken so far. The application deadline for an exemption is August 15, 2017. He said that a residential property tax exemption is an option allowed by Massachusetts General Law.

Rae Ann Palmer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the workings of a residential tax exemption and the possible rates. The statistics and values used were from Fiscal Year 2017, she said. There was a spreadsheet that broke down tax increases by assessed values of primary residences.

Response from the Part-time Residents

There were many questions about the residential tax exemption proposal. Micky Morin asked how to qualify as a full-time resident. Cathy Fryxell gave a number of criteria: tax return address, driver's license, car registration and excise tax, inclusion in the census list and being a registered voter. Dan Katz asked about use of tax returns. Nancy Osborne asked about the big picture. Tim Richards questioned the rationale for the whole program. Warren Green asked about projected revenue. Rae Ann Palmer said it does not add revenue; it provides relief to year-round residents of the Town. It changes the tax rate, Ms. Palmer said. Elaine Gaglio asked about the qualifying process, and Town Counsel John Giorgio reviewed Mass General Law. Susan Lichenstein asked if the non-residents would be paying more. The Town Manager said the tax rate would be set according to the exemption applications. Woody Kaplan asked about giving a break to people based on need rather than full-time residency. Christen Arroyo asked about the voluntary nature of the program.

Rachel Carter was the only speaker who said she supported the effort.

There was a predominance of sentiment against the proposal. Karl Forrester said he considers it a money grab and that the option makes him feel like a second-class citizen. Kevin O'Flaherty said he actually supports redistribution of wealth but disagrees with a distinction between part-time and full-time residents for taxation.

Town Counsel John Giorgio that an examination of the Mass General Law section on exemptions reveals there are many exemptions allowed for a variety of reasons. Attorney Giorgio said the purpose of offering the exemption was to make a vibrant year-round community that actually helps the part-time residents. There are other exemptions available to Truro tax payers who are elderly, low-income and veterans. Jennie Cohen asked about other possible exemptions that would keep the community together because the proposed option was divisive. Selectman Jay Coburn commented on the problem of housing affordability for the year-round population of workers. Paul Wisotzky said the Selectmen, Affordable Housing and the Planning

Board have been working on solutions for affordable options. He said Aspen and Stowe have models for the residential tax exemption plan.

Other speakers made further observations. John Winn said the proposal was meant to have the part-time residents become full-time ones. Kevin O’Flaherty said it was passing the burden onto part-time residents. He said constitutionally the Town is not allowed to charge one group more than another. The plan is fundamentally unfair, he said, and creates an “us against them” attitude. Part-time residents want to help with solutions for affordability, he said. Dick Hirsh said he would like to see a plan that is equitable and did not consider the residential tax exemption optimal. Ann Greenbaum said she had provided the Selectmen with a list of options for providing tax relief for needy. She asked if the Selectmen would really consider what the part time residents are saying. Paul Wisotzky said her list has gone to Town Counsel.

Rae Ann Palmer said the Classification Hearing needs to be held on August 22, 2017 in order to set the tax rate for next year. John Giorgio said the Town has been examining many options. He says it’s a mistake to say this is an “either or” scenario. Frank Corhaus disagreed, saying what was before them presented an “either or” situation. He mentioned a method used in Wellfleet to provide tax relief to the needy.

Speakers continued to give their perceptions. Sue Goldstone asked about having more say in how the matter is taken care of. Ed Sargent said the communication of the idea has been poor from the start, despite emails and other efforts by the Selectmen. John Marksbury, a full-time resident, said it’s a mistake to go forward with the plan because of the ill will it generates. Dan Katz said he was against the plan although he had come to the meeting in favor of it, not realizing that it was based on residency. He thought it was for people who needed tax relief and suggested there were other Town expenses that could be reduced. Karen Parachio asked about attitude of full-time residents towards adding affordable housing and asked if there were any studies on how part-time residents help Truro’s economy. Larry Cetrulo opposed to the plan. He asked for evidence that goal would be achieved by the policy.

Wrap-up

Rae Ann Palmer said the hearing will be held on August 22, 2017 for setting classifications and the residential rate. It then goes to the Department of Revenue, who actually sets the tax rate. David Sawicki implored the Selectmen to delay a residential tax exemption plan for a year if possible.

Paul Wisotzky closed the meeting with thanks to all for their participation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers, Secretary

Paul Wisotzky, Chair

Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair

Jay Coburn

Janet Worthington

Robert Weinstein, Clerk

Public Records Material of 8/9/17

Information sheets on Residential Tax Exemption