

**Truro Board of Selectmen
Meeting, December 1, 2015
Town Hall Meeting Room**

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

Present: Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roberta Lema discussed the condition of the landing at the end of Meetinghouse Rd. She would like the Town to do title research on the property.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bob Panessitti, Charter Review Committee Vice-chair, updated the Board on the tabled item of revisions to the Charter. Changes approved at Town Meeting two years ago will come to ballot in June, 2016, Mr. Panessitti said. This year the Charter Review Committee had cleaned up house keeping items in the Charter. Chair Paul Wisotzky proceeded with a review of the changes in Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 so that the Selectmen could comment or question each change. They suggested language clarification for Section 5-4-2 concerning Department Heads. The results of this year's Town Meeting vote on the Charter changes will go to a ballot in a future year.

Jay Coburn moved to approve placement on the Annual Meeting 2016 Town Warrant of Charter Review Committee's recommendations with further clarification of 5-4-2. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION

Pay-As-You-Throw

Tracey Rose, Chair of the SMART/PAYT Ad Hoc Committee and the Chair of the Board of Health, and Katherine Bunker Black of the SMART Committee offered a PowerPoint presentation and gave the Committee's recommendations for a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) plan for Truro. This included: cost to the Town, reduction of tonnage of waste, implementation of a fair and equitable program, options, and outreach to the community. The Pay-As-You-Throw bag program was the plan that the SMART Committee considered the most suitable for Truro. Ms. Rose presented data from Wellfleet, Sandwich and Brewster, which afforded savings to those towns after implementation of PAYT. There are different sizes of bags available for PAYT. The SMART Committee had a split vote on their recommendation for the program.

Members of the Board of Selectmen thanked the SMART Committee. Jay Norton, Director of Public Works, came forward to explain what is involved in single stream and dual stream recycling. Mr. Norton also answered questions about costs to the Town and tonnage increase at the Truro Transfer Station. Katherine Black discussed discounts that

could be offered for large families and lower income residents. Dave Quinn from the Barnstable County Extension came forward to explain data for projected bags or pounds of trash for different sized households. Jay Norton gave information on composting equipment that could be added to the Transfer Station. Robert Weinstein said that Wellfleet offered individual composting drums at discount prices rather than purchase the expensive equipment for the municipality.

Roberta Lema, Axel Schmidt and Normand "Tippy" Scherer, members of the SMART Committee who had voted against PAYT, gave their reasons for not being in favor of the plan. These included: dated data, giving the Truro Transfer Station a chance with the new scales for commercial haulers, better education on recycling, and adding a clean composting area.

Tracey Rose said a Pay-As-You-Throw program is designed for residential trash. She said that towns decide upon the percentage of operational costs that the transfer station should generate. Robert Weinstein explained the variability in the market for recyclable materials. He spoke strongly in favor of PAYT.

Robert Panessitti came forward to discuss financial options for increased revenue to the Town, including the PAYT program. Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer reported on recent residential tonnage data from the Transfer Station.

Tracey Rose said the Board of Health would appreciate an endorsement from the Board of Selectmen if they wish to make a recommendation. Implementing a PAYT program is within the purview of the Board of Health. Jay Coburn discussed how voters could have a say in the program during the Budget decisions at Town Meeting. Paul Wisotzky said he would like to have the Selectmen's Budget decisions on PAYT on the agenda for another meeting. Maureen Burgess agreed it should be on the Budget Task Force agenda.

Tracey Rose said PAYT will be on one of the next Board of Health's agendas. She said they were waiting to see if the Board of Selectmen would endorse the plan. The Board of Health will be holding a number of public hearings on the proposal.

Comcast Update

Mary O'Keefe, Comcast Senior Manager of Government & Regulatory Affairs, gave an update on cable TV and Internet in Truro. The nodes that had been planned are now available to customers, and Comcast is providing installations on deadline. They are following procedures for the National Seashore, she said. Robert Weinstein commented on the usefulness of the Provincetown office for those who are joining Comcast.

Work Sessions

Jay Coburn offered a suggestion for the Selectmen's future work sessions. He recommended monthly work sessions on the Tuesday following each first of the month regular meeting with the exceptions of the summer months. Two members will not be available for a December 8, 2015 work session. Paul Wisotzky suggested drafting a policy memorandum for the work sessions.

Jay Coburn moved to add work sessions on the Tuesday following each first Tuesday of the month regular BOS meeting, with the exception of the summer months.

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

Policy Memorandum #10 Revision

Chair Paul Wisotzky explained the revisions to Policy Memorandum #10 – Access to Town Counsel. This is to ensure approval by committees to forward concerns to Town Counsel.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the revisions to Policy Memorandum #10.

Jay Coburn seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Agenda for Joint Meeting with Conservation Commission

Paul Wisotzky said he and the Conservation Commission Chair will review agenda items for the December 8, 2015 joint meeting of the committees. He asked for other suggestions from the Board. Town Counsel John Giorgio will be attending the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- A. Review, approve and authorize the Chair to sign
 - 1.) Staging/Access permit for Stephen DiGiovanni;
 - 2.) Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill's One Day Entertainment and One Day Alcohol License for December 18, 2015;
- B. Review and Approve Dispatch/Telecommunicator Vacancy on the Truro Police Department due to pending retirement;
- C. Review and Approve 2016 Annual Licenses: Common Victualer-Montano's Restaurant, Salty Market and Lodging License – Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod; and
- D. Review and Approve Minutes of November 10, 2015.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

SELECTMEN'S AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

The Selectmen reported on a number of issues. Jan Worthington gave an update on a CCRT meeting on what they can and cannot offer for transportation. Paul Wisotzky and Rae Ann Palmer had met with the Provincetown Selectman Thomas Donegan and the new Town Manager David Panagore. They had made plans to have a joint meeting on water concerns. Chair Wisotzky has continued to meet with the Fire Chief Tim Collins and Town Administrator, he said. Both he and Jan Worthington continue to hear favorable comments about the new Fire Chief. Maureen Burgess reported on the Veteran's Day service at the Council on Aging. She was impressed with the forum on Substance Abuse held at St. Peter's Church in Provincetown and gave information on a new Eastham non-profit to help addicts and a film, *What Happened Here*, made by two young men that are in recovery. At the three hundredth anniversary meeting of the

National Seashore Advisory Commission, Ms. Burgess said the Comprehensive Shorebird Management Plan was revealed. A public comment period on it is available on the National Seashore's website until January 11, 2016. Maureen Burgess also testified at State House in support of Senate Bill #1797 for Entergy's storage of spent fuel. Robert Weinstein also had attended the Veteran's Day service. He praised the event and recommended better publicity in future years. He had attended the last Planning Board meeting and suggested staggered terms for members. He recommended securing a Planner to work with the Planning Board.

Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer announced that she and Trudi Brazil would be attending the Massachusetts Municipal Association Conference in Boston on January 22 and 23, 2016. She planned for a Friday, December 16 holiday luncheon with the staff. She called upon Fire Chief Tim Collins to explain the cycles allowed for breathing apparatus. The Fire Chief explained that the Fire Department air packs are out of date, and the Town would be liable in the event of failed use. The Fire Chief is working on a grant but will operate with loaned equipment in the meantime. There is money available in the Gift account that can be used towards immediate purchase of new air packs. If the grant comes through, the Gift account will be paid back. Provincetown and Wellfleet will lend Truro their compressors until all Truro equipment is brought up to code.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on December 15, 2015. A public hearing that was scheduled for this date will be postponed until January. Rae Ann Palmer reviewed the items that will be on the agenda.

Maureen Burgess had another suggestion for discussion that had come up at a Planning Board meeting, but it was unclear whether this should be taken up by the Selectmen. Liaison to the Planning Board, Jay Coburn will speak to their Chair, and Rae Ann Palmer will schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Board as soon as possible.

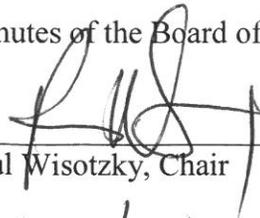
ADJOURNMENT

Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



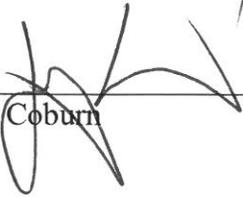
Mary Rogers
Recording Secretary



Paul Wisotzky, Chair



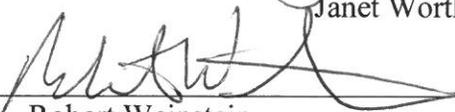
Maureen Burgess, Clerk



Jay Coburn



Janet Worthington, Vice-chair



Robert Weinstein

Public Records Material of December 1, 2015

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