

**Truro Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting, June 30, 2015  
Town Hall Meeting Room**

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

**Present:** Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer; Finance Committee Vice-chair Lori Meads

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the meeting to order, and Lori Meads and he opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m.

**Public Hearing: Discussion of Fiscal Year 2016 Goals and Objectives**

Paul Wisotzky gave an overview of the Goals and Objectives and explained how the hearing would proceed. He highlighted accomplishments from 2015: grant writing; self-sustaining fee based programs; updating BOS policies; addressing erosion at Ballston Beach; planning tidal restoration in the Pamet Valley; Town Meeting improvements; and staff training in ethics. Jay Coburn commended everyone for continuing with the Goals and Objectives effort during a time of Administrative transition. Robert Weinstein noted the choice of a new Town Counsel. Paul Wisotzky said that Maureen Burgess had developed a flow chart that helped study and planning for Goals and Objectives. The office hours the Selectmen hold out in the community help with input. Selectmen also met with Department Heads for Goals and Objectives.

There were six key values in the draft Goals and Objectives: excellence, integrity, openness/transparency, historic and environmental resources, fiscal integrity and diversity. Paul Wisotzky said these were the values that the Selectmen would like see everyone in Town government uphold. Each Selectman is taking charge of a goal area.

Maureen Burgess, responsible for Town services, discussed the importance of staff and volunteer help. There must be balance with services and sound fiscal practices, she said. Police Chief Kyle Takakjian, addressing the issues of mental health and opiate abuse, said collaboration with other Lower Cape towns would provide a specific service. Jay Coburn proposed that Truro Police work with the police departments in the other towns. Regan McCarthy asked for some clarification of terminology in the draft regarding private roads, beach stairs for Longnook Beach and fees at the Transfer Station. Robert Weinstein discussed the potential of a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program for the Transfer Station and encouraged public participation in the planning stages. Janet Worthington said the citizens should vote for institution of a PAYT program. Jay Coburn noted that staffing should remain efficient to meet the Goals.

Robert Weinstein's area was fiscal management. He discussed taxes and fees, 5-year and 10-year planning, sustainability, instituting a room tax, grant opportunities and staffing. Regan McCarthy relayed questions on behalf of the Non-Resident Taxpayers. Rae Ann Palmer and Robert Weinstein discussed available assistance for grant writing.

Janet Worthington, in charge of public safety, addressed needs of Fire, Police and Rescue. She said she now sees regionalization as a way to provide services to the Lower Cape towns, particularly during the summer season.

Jay Coburn, dealing with community sustainability, discussed decrease in year-round population, the need for affordable places to live, economic development, Internet services, school population, and environmental impact on Pamet Valley. Janet Worthington commented on the need for more affordable housing. Bill Worthington came forward to discuss other environmental issues in the Millpond estuary that he said should be included in the Goals and Objectives. Selectmen noted that East Harbor should also be included. Regan McCarthy asked if there was "middle income housing" available in Truro and had other questions about Cluster Housing and the development of Affordable Accessory Dwellings. She also had comments on keeping the Town website up to date. Paul Wisotzky made a few distinctions between Affordable Housing and Community Housing. Carl Brotman, Chair of the Housing Authority, came forward to explain area median income qualifications for Affordable Housing. Jay Coburn expanded on the parameters of Affordable Housing. Robert Weinstein discussed having job opportunities available and the need for good Internet service. He recognized Open Cape's municipal services and the possibility for private connections to Open Cape.

Other audience members came forward with comment. John Marksbury asked about use of the Comprehensive Plan in setting the Goals and Objectives. He was concerned about maintaining the rural character of the Town and also historic properties in the National Seashore. Maureen Burgess gave some background to home expansion in the Seashore. Chuck Steinman discussed attempts to create new zoning for the Seashore District. He said there should be further effort to control size of houses in the Seashore. Robert Weinstein encouraged public participation with the Planning Board to consider bylaws for house size within the Seashore. Ansel Chaplin asked that the dyke near Tom's Hill be examined because erosion around it could create problems in Pamet Harbor.

Chair Paul Wisotzky, covering community openness in governance, said the website would be improved, a Facebook page offered, more training for Board and Committee volunteers, gathering information through engaging more with the citizens. Regan McCarthy had several concerns and suggestions for electronic communications and questions on School Budget. Chuck Steinman from the Historical Commission and Historical Review Board said he could not find the Demolition Permit posted on the Town website.

Robert Weinstein thanked Lori Meads for filling in for the Town Moderator at the hearing, and he commended Town volunteers for their contributions to the Goals and Objectives.

Paul Wisotzky said the public hearing period was over, and Lori Meads entertained a motion to close the hearing. Jay Coburn moved to close the public hearing. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

*The public hearing closed at 7:53 p.m., and the special meeting continued.*

**Review and Approval of Agreement for Town Counsel**

Chair Paul Wisotzky asked for input from the Board on the agreement with Kopelman & Paige. Robert Weinstein read his revision for the "Independent Contractor" section. Rae Ann Palmer said that revision would be made.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the agreement with Kopelman & Paige for Town Counsel services with the proposed revision. Robert Weinstein seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Paul Wisotzky extended his thanks to Jamie Veara for the Town Counsel services that Sisson and Veara has provided to the Town for many years.

**Review and Approval Re: State Property on Route 6**

Jay Coburn explained that there was an initiative at state level to bring attention to properties that could be available to Affordable Housing. The 7.3 acre parcel on Rte. 6 in North Truro is suitable for this use. Other municipal use may be possible on the property. Jay Coburn moved to approve sending the letter to Governor Charlie Baker requesting the transfer of State property on Rte. 6 to the Town of Truro. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

**Adjournment**

Robert Weinstein moved to adjourn. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 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 6/30/15**

- 1.) Draft Fiscal Year 2016 Goals and Objectives
- 2.) Final Draft Values and Fiscal Year 2016 Objectives
- 3.) Agreement for Town Counsel Services with Kopelman and Paige
- 4.) Request to Governor Charlie Baker for transfer of 7.3 parcel of land to Town of Truro