

Select Board Minutes

March 25, 2025

Via Zoom Platform (Hybrid)

Select Board Members Present: Susan Areson-Chair; Robert Weinstein-Vice Chair; Nancy Medoff-Clerk; Susan Girard-Irwin-Member; Stephanie Rein-Member

Others Present: Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager; Chris Palmer (Climate Action Coordinator); Dennis O'Brien (Truro Resident, Lead Petitioner); Michael and Denise Nover (Truro Part-time Residents); Sharon Basco Koch (Truro Resident); Julian Cyr (Massachusetts State Senator); Kristy Senatori (Cape Cod Commission Executive Director); Emily Beebe (Health & Conservation Agent); Richard Roberts (Planning Board Chair); David Barnard (Zoning Task Force Chair); Anne Greenbaum (Planning Board Vice Chair); Michael Cohen (Charter Review Committee Chair); Clinton Kershaw (Truro Resident, Lead Petitioner)

Absent: None

Chair Areson opened the meeting at 5:00 pm and read aloud the information for members of the public to join the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Areson read aloud the rules for the public to follow when making public comments.

Chair Areson recognized the following individuals who made public comments: Dennis O'Brien who stated he had misattributed the statement about being able to build a DPW facility for under \$20 million and corrected it to be Wesley Stinson; Michael and Denise Nover who read comments that they had sent on March 10 to the Zoning Task Force by themselves and their neighbors regarding potential impacts of the development of the Walsh Property and the Zoning Overlay District; Chris Lucy who provided examples of how the Building Committee Member Tony Garrett has been dishonest and asked that they remove him from the Ad Hoc Building Committee; Regan McCarthy who stated that the regulations, conditions, and impacts of the Seasonal Community designation are in development and may cause the town to be bound by state conditions that remain unknown.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

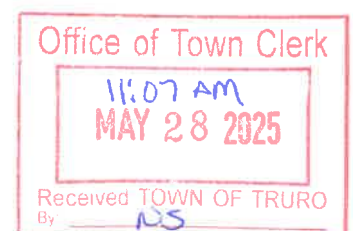
INTRODUCTION TO NEW EMPLOYEES

None

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview and Possible Appointment of Member to Conservation Commission: Sharon Basco Koch

Presenter: Susan Areson, Chair



Assistant Town Manager Clark noted that there is a second applicant to this position that was not invited to this meeting and recommended waiting to hold a vote on this position until after their interview.

Sharon Basco Koch stated that she had worked in print journalism and publishing, running a series of science books. She often asked experts to assist her in understanding these science books. She also worked for public radio and wrote for magazines about science and technology, and she has a lot of experience with conducting research. She often reads newsletters and statements from commissions and has a deep interest in technology being developed to address climate change. She believes she would bring to the Conservation Commission the ability to research a topic until she really understands it. She stated that she is familiar with the rules and regulations governing the Commission and she is able to make decisions based on these. She is a very interested citizen who has dealt with science and technology, though she also feels she would need to review cases decided on by the commission to become more familiar.

STAFF/ COMMITTEE UPDATES

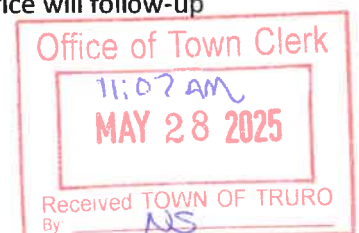
A. Overview of Commonwealth of Massachusetts Seasonal Communities Designation

Presenter: State Senator Julian Cyr's Office

Julian Cyr defined a "seasonal communities designation" as toolkit within the Affordable Homes Act for towns that need policy tools from the legislature to address the housing crisis and rising housing costs. 67% of the housing stock in Truro is seasonal, which is the highest on the Cape. The policy recognizes municipalities with fluctuating populations and profound seasonal housing demands to support year round communities and housing.

The establishment of the Year Round Housing Trust would subsidize housing above area median income with year-round deed restrictions. The trust would allow communities to develop housing for municipal employees as essential community infrastructure. Projects would be able to utilize LIHTC Dollars and towns would be allowed to spend money on municipal employee housing as well as artists and creative housing. Towns could expand their Residential Tax Exemption, increasing the threshold to 50%. Towns could also adopt bylaws or ordinances allowing them to develop housing on undersized or merged lots as long as they are designated for year-round housing. All of the tools available through the Seasonal Community Designation are optional, though the town is already pursuing many initiatives.

The only required term is accepting bylaws around merged and undersized lots and tiny homes. There is also a Seasonal Communities Advisory Counsel that is identifying other tools towns may need. Senator Cyr stated that a reason to accept the law despite not having the regulations promulgated, is that the housing crisis has impacted available workforce for Truro and they have been asking for these resources to address these issues. He also noted that not having a Seasonal Community Designation may hurt the town when applying for grants and funding from the state in the future. Senator Cyr said Truro would only have to accept stipulations tiny homes, however Chair Areson said she would forward concerns around merged lots to his office. His office will follow-up



with more information about items they are working on for waste water, drinking water, and property tax exemptions.

B. Cape Cod Commission's "Year in Review"

Presenter: Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission Executive Director

Kristy Senatori reviewed the Regional Housing Strategy, released earlier this year and informed by stakeholders, Cape organizations, and municipalities. It includes local zoning recommendations and regional recommendations regarding funding and program opportunities as well as resources to support implementation. They developed model bylaws and housing profiles for towns and the county. They have a pre-approved plans project, which contains model housing plans for different housing types, community housing trusts, and a housing bank.

They have reviewed a fresh water strategy, looking at the Cape's fresh water ponds and lakes. Currently they are reviewing public comments and editing the draft of the strategy. It includes resources to protect and restore fresh water sources for homeowners and municipalities and an online data portal. Funding is available for the regional fresh pond monitoring program and will continue along with the coastal monitoring they have been providing. The Commission provides administrative and technical support to the Water Protection Fund Management Board, approving subsidies for water quality and waste water projects across the Cape.

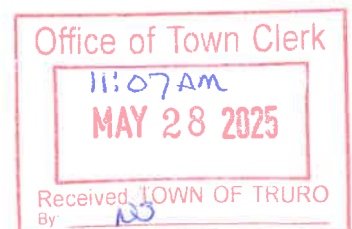
They have several projects on transportation, and the Vision Zero Action Plan, a nation-wide initiative, is designed to improve road safety and address traffic fatalities and would make all town's eligible for "Safe Streets and Roads for All" implementation grants and gain access to federal funding.

Climate and Coastal Resiliency projects have developed model bylaws and regulations. All 15 towns have participated in the Regional Low-lying Roads Project and now have conceptual plans for vulnerable road segments, including Shore Road in Truro.

In 2024 they completed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, for which they are advancing many priority actions that focus on efforts to incentivize year-round housing, advocate for the replacement of the bridges, and other priorities. Truro's local Comprehensive Plan was certified last fall. They also launched the update to their regional policy plan, which encouraged building housing in the right places, promoted redevelopment and reuse and preserving natural areas, economic resiliency, climate action, and infrastructure.

Kevin Grunwald, Truro's representative to the Cape Cod Commission, stated that a benefit of the Commission is that we are able to see the initiatives of other towns and see what has worked well for them. The Commission reviews Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs), and a potential DRI instigated the reconsideration of building stairways on fragile coast lines. Mr. Grunwald stated that they are seeing more DRIs.

Vice Chair Weinstein asked Ms. Senatori about the environmental impact of the construction of the new bridges, and she stated the environmental impact reports will be available this spring. She also directed people to the MassDOT website for comprehensive information.



C. Staff Update on Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grants

Presenter: Kelly Clark, Assistant Town Manager; Emily Beebe, Health & Conservation Agent; Chris Palmer, Climate Action Coordinator

Chris Palmer provided an update on the MVP Grant, a state grant that supports towns on climate resiliency. This year they are focusing on small and rural communities, which will receive more of the funding and have the 10% match waived. He is working on a team with Emily Beebe, Jarrod Cabral, Nancy Keats, Bob Higgins Steele, Brian Boyle, Lili Flanders, and partners at UMASS and EDR.

The team is working on plans for a Resilience Hub, a community facility that is able to provide residents with support during emergencies - power, communications, shelter. They also work on everyday resilience - access to health care, child care, community food preparation, community meeting space, business support, government form assistance, etc. They are applying for grants at two sites - the school and the library/community center. The grant would also fund community engagement to best identify what people need. In the near future they would apply again to fund their plans.

They are also applying to fund a project at Beach Point and Shore Road to move utilities and power lines underground to avoid losing power and maintain access to the battery in Provincetown. Their proposal also aims to create a plan to protect Shore Road. Truro is co-applying with Provincetown.

Chair Areson moved to approve letters of support for MVP Action Grant Number 1 for resilience hubs and MVP Grant Number 2 for ecosystem resilience and to sign electronically.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

TABLED ITEMS

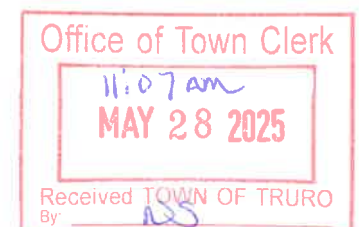
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SELECT BOARD ACTION

A. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Vote on Electronic Voting at Town Meeting Article

Presenter Susan Areson, Chair, and Paul Wisotzky, Town Moderator

Chair Areson and Town Moderator Wisotzky have been researching technology available, pricing, and what other towns have done to introduce electronic voting at Town Meeting. They decided to create an article to poll town voters at the 2025 Town Meeting to do a pilot test using electronic voting at



the 2026 Town Meeting. They would then ask voters if the town should become a permanent option. They will be able to estimate the costs for this initiative to bring to this year's meeting.

They are relying on the experiences that other towns have had with technology and will decide whether the 2026 meeting will rely solely on electronic voting or if they will also take votes manually. Assistant Town Manager Clark noted that to do both forms of voting would remove some of the benefits, such as privacy, that electronic voting offers. Member Girard-Irwin suggested offering training sessions for anyone who is less familiar with using technology.

Clerk Medoff moved to include the proposed warrant article and explanation on the ATM 2025 Warrant.

Member Girard-Irwin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

Chair Areson moved to recommend Article XX: Electronic Voting at Town Meetings.

Clerk Medoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

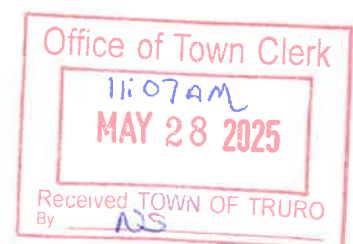
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

B. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Vote on Solar Warrant Articles

Presenter: Chris Palmer, Climate Action Coordinator

Climate Action Coordinator Chris Palmer stated that they are looking to build a solar array on the capped landfill that the town would own. He has reached out to twenty-one different solar companies and obtained five full estimates and other partial estimates. The cost estimates gathered have been consistent and have been reviewed with Finance Director Alex Lessin.

The size recommendation is smaller, just under one megawatt, to avoid complications of a bigger system. The cost estimate is about \$4 million and annual revenue would be about \$500,000, increasing about 2% each year. Maintenance costs would be about \$85-90,000. The 20 year net revenue would be 7.7 million with the Inflation Reduction Act (the future of which is unknown).



Massachusetts Solar Subsidy program - SMART - is releasing its next, more lucrative version, though the numbers that have been released have not been finalized. The form of financing is also uncertain at this time. Most other towns nearby leased solar arrays.

Benefits include the revenue, carbon emissions, and having control over the electricity. They may use the electricity themselves, consider selling it back to the grid, or may sell the electricity to other towns. People in town may opt to buy "Truro-made electricity" and they could have a low-income program.

In the packet they have included a debt authorization warrant article. The proposal will come before the select board in the future prior to making any decisions. They have also included, at the advisement of financial advisors, a warrant article for a land lease option to increase flexibility.

Chair Areson stated that she supports this initiative and hopes the information they have presented is available online to the public and that they consider doing a presentation at pre-town meeting. Lili Flanders informed the Board that there is a library meeting on May 15 that looks at the proposed project in depth. The leasing option can also act as a back-up plan if the warrant with the debt exclusion does not pass at Town Meeting. The debt authorization, however, is fully funded by the project itself and will not impact tax payers, but it would be possible to lease the equipment.

Member Rein moved to include the borrowing authorization for solar development warrant article as presented in the May 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson - Aye

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

Assistant Town Manager Clark stated that Town Counsel would like to spend more time reviewing the Land Lease article but they are able to vote to recommend the intent of the articles.

Chair Areson moved to recommend Article 13: Borrowing authorization for solar electricity generation systems.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

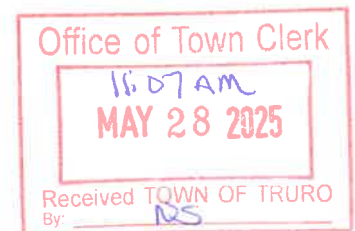
Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson - Aye

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



Energy Committee Chair Brian Boyle pointed out that in order to build climate resiliency, as detailed in the MVP grant discussed earlier, it is important that they own the microgrid and the sites

designated as resiliency hubs. Assistant Town Manager Clark replied that passing the article would not require that any land be leased at any of the sites mentioned in the article, or the article could be withdrawn on the Town Meeting floor if not needed. Mr. Boyle added that he feels the back-up plan should be that they would proceed with the project and inform vendors that they need third party leasing for the equipment. He worries this article will confuse voters and contradict the proposal for the MVP grant.

If the borrowing authorization warrant article passes, this article can be indefinitely postponed, but if it is not included in the warrant, they would have to wait until the following year to move forward if it becomes the best option. Finance Director Alex Lessin stated that including this article keeps options open, and noted that there may be a slight impact on the taxpayer prior to the system generating revenue. The Select Board agreed that the article should not be included in the warrant.

C. Discussion and Possible Votes on Zoning Bylaw Amendment Town Meeting Articles

Presenters: Richard Roberts, Planning Board Chair; David Barnard, Zoning Task Force Chair; and Kelly Clark, Assistant Town Manager

The Zoning Task Force has voted to recommend Article 33: Walsh Overlay. This article has been reviewed with Town Counsel and will have some edits that clarify any ambiguous points following this meeting. Edits include removal of the allowance of buildings up to five stories for a senior living facility. They also expanded distance between buildings on a single parcel from 5 feet to 10 feet. The article also permits mixed use development, as requested by the Walsh Committee.

Clerk Medoff moved to recommend Article 33 as printed in the town warrant.

Chair Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

Article 34 aligns the towns bylaws for cell phone towers with the state building code. This article also gives these structures, of which there are two in Truro, a higher designation under the building code to identify the towers as “risk category 3 structures,” or essential facility, designing and rating them for higher wind pressures. This also aims to improve cell phone service, considering that individuals often call for emergency services via a cell phone.

Vice Chair Weinstein moved to recommend Article 34: Amends Only Bylaw Section 40.5 B3 Requirements.

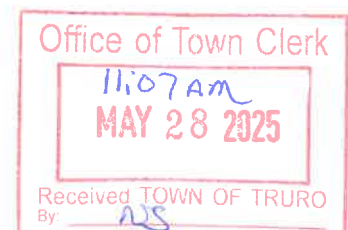
Clerk Medoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye



Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye
Chair Areson – Aye
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

The Planning Board has been working on Article 35 and designed it to be an incremental step to help improve water quality by limiting the amount that a residential lot can be covered with impermeable surfaces to 20%. The article also requires a minimum of 25% of naturalized green space, meaning it does not need water, irrigation, or fertilizer, on a residential lot. The town planner has reviewed the article and provided information about how other towns have handled this issue. It would be triggered when an individual applies for a building permit and therefore applies to new structures.

Member Rein was concerned about how this would be enforced and also felt it did not consider that new structures may need to use irrigation to create such naturalized green spaces following construction. The Planning Board believes that, although this article is not a complete solution, it does help address the issue of protecting water. Clerk Medoff stated that the part of the article that mentions it will decrease the need for an expensive large-scale public water supply is false and worries voters will believe voting for it means they will not need a public water supply or a sewer line. She also does not believe they can claim it will increase tourism and it also does not contain language that conserves trees. She had discussed these issues with the representatives from the Planning Board but did not see that any suggested changes had been made to the language of the article. Vice Chair Weinstein also pointed out that the cost of construction and a building permit would increase since this article imposes the need of hiring an engineer to ensure you are meet these requirements.

The Planning Board representatives decided to withdraw the article.

D. Discussion and Possible Votes on Charter Amendment Town Meeting Articles

Presenter: Michael Cohen, Charter Review Committee Chair

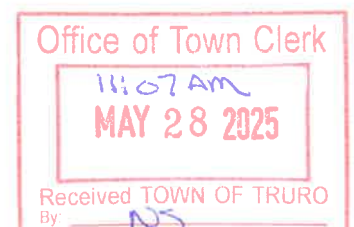
In Article 26, the Charter Review Committee recommends changing the designated date for the Annual Town Meeting as stated in the Town Charter to allow meetings to be more flexible and held on a day of the week other than Tuesday. By allowing meetings to be scheduled between the last Tuesday in April and the Saturday before Memorial Day, it would allow the most voters to attend as possible and avoid “peak season” conflicts. As advised by Town Counsel, a note about the Select Board’s ability to reschedule the date of Town Meeting to any date prior to June 30th, as in accordance with Mass. general law, has been added.

Clerk Medoff moved to include Article 26, with the inclusion of Town Counsel’s additional line as stated, in the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as a Select Board Article.

Chair Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye
Clerk Medoff - Aye
Member Girard-Irwin - Aye
Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye
Chair Areson – Aye



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

Clerk Medoff moved to recommend Article 26 as printed.

Chair Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

Article 24 amends the Charter Section 4-5-2 to make it permissible for Select Board members to have informational conversations, which do not involve direct orders or instructions, with town department heads, rather than requiring they communicate through the town manager. This article was created in recognition of providing the department heads more discretion.

Vice Chair Weinstein had been part of the team that wrote the original charter, and he had initially felt there was an issue the language added to explain that having “informal, non directive conversations” is at the discretion of the department heads. Such interactions may be entirely subjective, and he feared others may want to “police” the department heads interactions. Following Michael Cohen’s explanation, however, he recognizes why the ability to have such conversations would be beneficial to the daily operating of the town.

Vice Chair Weinstein moved to include Article 24: Amended Charter Section 4-5-2 in the warrant.

Chair Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

Vice Chair Weinstein moved to recommend Article 24: Amended Charter Section 4-5-2 as printed

Chair Areson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

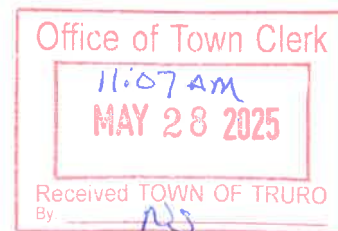
Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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



The Charter Review Committee recommends Article 25 to amend the Charter Section 6-2-12 to allow the chairpersons of boards and committees to hold “informational, non-directive conversations” with their respective department heads at the department head’s discretion. Removing the requirement that they only interact through the town manager prevents the bottlenecking of communication and

places responsibility on the department to ensure conversations are for are sharing or requesting information.

Assistant Town Manager Clark asked what enforcement mechanism the Town Manager would have to ensure these conversations are appropriate if the Charter states that nothing should prohibit them from having the conversation. She was unsure how to protect staff and be mindful of their time. She also asked what was intended by the term “respective department heads” because it may be unclear for many chairpersons. Chair Cohen explained that including the verbiage that it is at the discretion of the department head offers them protection.

The ability to have these conversations was also a request by the department heads themselves during conversations with the Charter Review Committee. Chair Areson pointed out that some department heads would be better than others at holding these boundaries with the chairs. She does recognize, however, that these conversations are already happening and she hopes they do not become problematic.

Clerk Medoff asked if changing the language to “Corresponding Department Head” or “Designated Department Head,” but Assistant Town Manager still questioned how that should be defined or by whom it was determined. If they were to add this to the charges for committees and boards to identify who the “Appropriate Department Head” would be, though the Select Board doesn’t write all of these charges. Member Girard-Irwin noted that chairpersons may not attempt to reach out to Department Heads if the language remains the same despite it serving both parties to communicate.

Member Girard-Irwin moved to include Article 25: Amend Charter Section 6-2-12 in the 2025 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Discussion: Clerk Medoff suggested if this article passes, they should update the handbook and review the article at the next Round Table discussion with Board and Committee Chairs.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

Member Girard-Irwin moved to recommend Article 25: Amend Charter Section 6-2-12 as printed.

Clerk Medoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

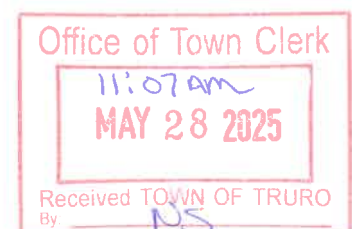
Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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



E. Discussion and Possible Votes on Petitioned Town Meeting Articles

Presenters: Dennis O'Brien Lead Petitioner; Clinton Kershaw, Lead Petitioner; and Kelly Clark, Assistant Town Manager

Dennis O'Brien explained that he had heard at a previous Select Board meeting that a proposed cost for the new DPW Facility could be \$20 million, as he believed had been stated by a candidate for the Ad Hoc Building Committee. Mr. O'Brien stated that the candidate had very strong credentials, and had said that he "winced at \$20 million". Although the goal is to deliver on this project, it is hard to balance the needs for design and cost. The citizens of Truro are concerned about the costs, and it should have been a higher priority throughout the process. He argued that the total cost of the building must be a "votable number."

Chair Areson appreciated the intent of the article, but believed that the amount of \$20 million was too low and restrictive. Mr. O'Brien stated that they should consider continuing with the monolith design plan while also reviewing a design of the lowest cost. He believes that the applicant had stated it is possible to build the project for \$20 million and he would like to see what that amount would achieve. Even if it is not feasible to build it for that amount, it would inform them of areas where savings is possible.

Clerk Medoff stated that she has asked why they have not given Weston & Sampson a budget. She does believe that the Ad Hoc Building Committee is working really hard and that everyone working on the project will deliver a design with a reasonable price because they know that a cost that's too high would not be passed by the citizens at Town Meeting. Member Girard-Irwin stated that everyone wants a design and cost that they know will pass. Vice Chair Weinstein had re-listened to the meeting last week when Mr. O'Brien had given an explanation for the figure in the article, and he was bothered by the inconsistencies in what has been said and when. He stated that the costs are more in question now and the proposed limit is unreasonable. He was also upset about the process of assessing the costs associated with the second proposed site.

Chris Lucy commented that the amount of \$20 million was proposed five years ago when the design was 50% bigger. He felt that because the project has been delayed, the cost is now twice as much for a smaller design. Putting a budget onto the project is premature, because they do not know the price of materials, and they should trust the experience of Weston & Sampson and the OPM to fulfill the town's expectations and allow the Building Committee to do their job. Member Rein also agreed that the proposed \$20 million cap would cause too many restrictions because it is unknown how tariffs or environmental natural disasters will affect the acquisition of building supplies.

Chair Areson moved to recommend the petitioned article on the DPW cap as printed in the warrant.

Clerk Medoff seconded the motion.

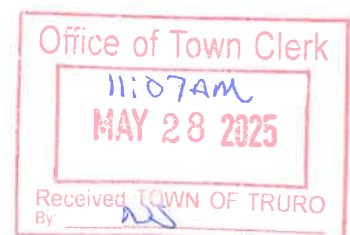
Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - No

Clerk Medoff - No

Member Girard-Irwin - No

Vice Chair Weinstein - No



Chair Areson – No

So voted, 0-5-0, motion fails.

Mr. O'Brien is proposing to amend section 6-4-3 in the Town Charter by adding language that prohibits members of the Finance Committee from holding elected or appointed office, and vice-versa, in an attempt to avoid conflict of roles and interest when making policies and voting on funding for those policies. Other towns have adopted this policy as a separation of powers and Mr. O'Brien stated it is a best practice. Assistant Town Manager Clark stated that Town Counsel advised that this policy would not impact any current members of the Finance Committee or elected officials until their term has expired.

Chair Areson moved to recommend Article XX Charter Amendment to Section 6-4-3 Petitioned Article.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - No

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

The Petitioned Article proposed by Clint Kershaw would accept Mass general law and allow the town to plow private roads. Assistant Town Manager Clark stated that Town Counsel advised that, if passed, this article would be a non-binding advisory vote that would become a ballot question after obtaining 200 signatures. Mr. Kershaw stated that keeping this article in the warrant would enable them to see what the town's opinion on this matter is and whether it would be worth pursuing adding it to the ballot.

Chair Areson moved to recommend Article XX to accept Mass General Law in the plowing of private roads.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - No

Clerk Medoff - No

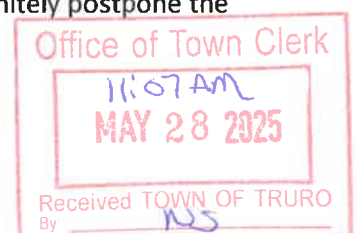
Member Girard-Irwin - No

Vice Chair Weinstein - No

Chair Areson – Aye

So voted, 1-4-0, motion fails.

Mr. Kershaw proposed a petitioned article regarding free cash. Assistant Town Manager Clark stated that Town Counsel advised that passing this article would result in a non-binding advisory vote. Only Town Meeting has the authority to appropriate free cash and a vote at one Town Meeting is not binding at subsequent meetings. Mr. Kershaw stated that his goal was for this petitioned article to go into affect next year's budget. Chair Areson confirmed that he would not be able to pass an article in 2025 that would affect a future town budget. Mr. Kershaw could decide to indefinitely postpone the article on the Town Meeting Floor.



Chair Areson moved to recommend the Article on Free Cash and returning it to tax payers.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - No

Clerk Medoff - No

Member Girard-Irwin - No

Vice Chair Weinstein - No

Chair Areson – No

So voted, 0-5-0, motion fails.

F. Discussion and Possible Vote on All Other Town Meeting Articles

Presenter: Kelly Clark, Assistant Town Manager, and Alex Lessin, Finance Director

This was skipped and will be added to a future agenda.

G. Select Board Reconsideration of Votes to Recommend Warrant Articles

Presenter: Kelly Clark, Assistant Town Manager, and Alex Lessin, Finance Director

Chair Areson moved to reconsider the prior votes to recommend the articles listed in agenda item 7G.

Clerk Medoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

Chair Areson moved to recommend the warrant articles listed in agenda item 7G as printed in the warrant.

Clerk Medoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

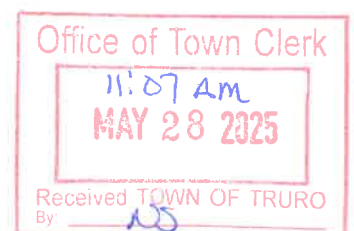
Chair Areson – Aye

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

H. Vote to Post and Electronically Sign the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Presenter: Kelly Clark, Assistant Town Manager

This was skipped and will be added to a future agenda.



SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

A. Select Board Reports

Chair Areson congratulated the Nauset Hockey Team on their championship win.

Vice Chair Weinstein attended the most recent Pamet Harbor Committee meeting, which was attended by the Dredging Administrator for Barnstable County. It was reported that Truro's harbor entrance has varying depths, making it unique and more challenging. Currently the town has permitting Maintenance Hydrological Dredging or limited Mechanical Dredging. He believes the town should apply for Improvement Dredging to create a uniform channel. He also mentioned that he would like the town to have a plan to handle the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) considering many town residents and workers are people of color and living with visas. He would like Town Counsel's input on how to respond to ICE.

Clerk Medoff has Select Board Hours scheduled for 9:30 at Town Hall on Thursday.

Member Girard-Irwin reported that she attended the concert committee the previous day and stated that the summer series is completely booked for July and August. She has Select Board Hours scheduled at the Community Center for this Thursday at 10 - 11:30.

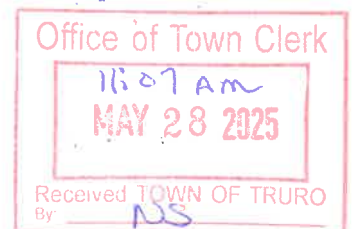
B. Town Manager Report

Assistant Town Manager Clark reported that the Pasta Dinner at Truro Central School was a successful night.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:
- B. 1. Event Notification Form for MassDOT-MS Bike Ride Application
- C. 2. Municipal Vulnerability Grant Letters of Support (2)
- D. Review and Approve Appointment Renewals: Board of Registrars
- E. Review and Approve 2025 Annual Business Licenses: Days Market and Deli-Common Victualer (Food) and Transient Vendor, Highland Links-Common Victualer (Food) and Transient Vendor
- F. Review and Approve 2025 Seasonal Alcohol Licenses
- G. Review and Approve 2025 ABCC Renewal Certification
- H. Review and Approve Letter from Select Board to Republican Town Committee Chair Requesting Annual List of Enrolled Members Seeking Appointment/Reappointment as Election Officers

Chair Areson moved to approve the consent agenda as printed in the packet.



Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Member Girard-Irwin - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

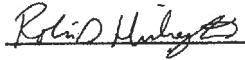
Regular Meeting: April 8, 2025

A meeting was scheduled for April 2 at 2:30pm to complete the warrant votes.

Chair Areson made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin D. Huibregtse
Board Support/CPC Coordinator


Susan Areson, Chair

Robert Weinstein, Vice Chair



Nancy Medoff, Clerk



Stephanie Rein, Member

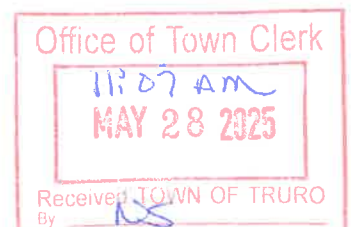


Susan Girard-Irwin, Member

Public Records Material Attachments

Application to Serve-S. Basco Koch

Staff Memo: Considerations for accepting Seasonal Communities designation



Seasonal Communities MGL

Note: Article 27: Acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 23B, §32(b) Seasonal Communities is included in the draft warrant at the end of the packet

Narrative for MVP #1 and #2

MVP #1 Action Grant Letter of Support - Resilience Hubs

MVP #2 Action Grant Letter Support - Utility and Ecosystem Resilience

Proposed warrant article and explanation

Solar revenue and operational cost comparisons

Proposed ATM 2025 Warrant Article

Articles 33-35 are included in the draft warrant at the end of the packet

Article language and information from the CRC

Note: Articles 24-26 are included in the draft warrant at the end of the packet

Note: Articles 40-43 are included in the draft warrant at the end of the packet

Posting of the warrant

Bike Ride Application for the National MS Society

Application to Serve - Fran Johnson and Heather Harper

Town Clerk Letter to the Republican Town Committee Chair

MGL Chapter 51, Sections 15, 17, and 18

Pending Endorsement Letter from Republican Town Committee Chair

Renewal Application for 2025-Days Market & Deli

Renewal Application for 2025-Highland Links

Chief of Police Review of Seasonal Licenses

ABCC Seasonal License Holder's Applications

Seasonal Alcohol Beverages Control Commission Renewal Certification 2025

MGL Part 1, Title VIII, Chapter 54, Section 12: Election Officers in Towns; Procedures; Eligibility; Examinations

Draft Letter from the Select Board to the Republican Town Committee

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