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MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD HYBRID MEETING IN PERSON / REMOTE OCTOBER 22, 2024, 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Susan Areson Chair
Robert Weinstein Vice Chair
Nancy Medoff Clerk
Stephanie Rein Member
Susan Girard-Irwin Member

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Darrin Tangeman Town Manager

Kelly Clark Assistant Town Manager

Damion Clements Director of Community Services
Emily Beebe Health and Conservation Agent

Jarrod Cabral DPW Director

Stephen Duncombe Co-Chair of the Part-Time Advisory Committee (remote)

Naomi Rorro Resident, North Truro

Chris Lucy Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals (remote)

Katharine Klein KP Law Attorney

Betty Gallo Truro Housing Authority Chair
Ann Courtney Beach Advisory Committee Chair
Hannah King Commission on Disabilities-Co Chair

Bob Higgins-Steele Energy Committee-Co Chair
Brian Boyle Energy Committee-Co Chair
Ann Courtney Beach Advisory Committee Chair

Minutes taken from a recording by Jenny Beaudin of Minutes Solutions Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, and adequate and proper notice of the meeting having been given, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by chairperson Susan Areson. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, with participants attending both in person and remotely. Susan Areson welcomed all attendees and provided instructions on how members of the public could access the meeting via phone or online. It was noted that the meeting was being live-streamed on Truro TV Channel 8. Susan Areson reiterated that per Select Board Policy 56, public comments would not be taken during the meeting and that no votes would occur own Clerk

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were invited with a reminder that topics not on the agenda would not receive immediate responses due to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (MGL Chapter 30A, Section 20). Speakers were allowed three minutes each.

2.1 Naomi Rorro - Concerns About Walsh Cottage Project

Naomi Rorro (resident of 23 South Highland Road, North Truro) raised concerns about the Walsh Cottage relocation project. She described it as a "disgusting mess," stating that the structure did not conform to modern building specifications. She detailed the difficulties in communication with workers on-site due to a language barrier and expressed frustration over delayed debris removal and alleged wasteful spending.

2.2 Chris Lucy - Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Delays

Chris Lucy, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), reported that applicants had been waiting three months for committee interview responses. He highlighted potential quorum issues due to delays in filling vacant ZBA positions, stressing that contractors and property owners face project setbacks as a result. He also requested Select Board intervention in streamlining appointment processes.

2.3 Michael Forgione – Budget Concerns

Michael Forgione expressed support for town staff but raised concerns about staffing expansions and the town's budget. He requested greater transparency in presenting actual financial data from prior years for comparison. Lastly, he challenged the claim that certain FY25 position approvals were voted on at Town Meeting.

3. COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to appoint Ellen English for a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2027.

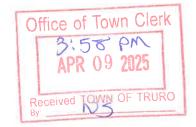
The Board interviewed Karen Ruymann for a position on the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). She detailed her 15-year residency in Truro, experience in grant writing, water conservation, and community projects, and advocacy for the Village Pond Preserve.

Board members noted the strong qualifications of both applicants, including previously interviewed Ellen English.

Member Weinstein made a motion to appoint Ellen English the Community Preservation Committee for a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2027.

Chair Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.



4. PART-TIME RESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Co-Chair Stephen Duncombe summarized findings from the August 20, 2024, listening session, where 25 part-time and full-time residents shared concerns about:

- Communication barriers between residents and town officials.
- Affordable housing and healthcare access.
- Private property restrictions on public access.
- Clarifications on voting eligibility for part-time residents.

The committee aims to establish continuous input channels, including an online form.

5. SALTY MARKET POURING LICENSE PROPOSAL

Business owner Liam Roland presented a plan to expand Salty Market's winter operations by acquiring an all-alcohol pouring license.

The Board reviewed licensing restrictions, operational guidelines, and compliance with health regulations.

A public hearing was scheduled for November 12, 2024.

6. LAND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – CLOVERLEAF HOUSING PROJECT

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to approve an amendment to extend the Land Development Option Agreement for the Cloverleaf Project, ensuring continued compliance with funding requirements

Attorney Klein gave a summary of the amendment to the Select Board

Member Rein made a motion to approve and electronically sign Amendment No. 1 to the Restated and Amended Land Development Option Agreement as prepared.

Member Medoff seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.



7. ACQUISITION OF 296 ROUTE 6 (TRURO MOTOR INN) VIA EMINENT DOMAIN

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to approve the acquisition of the Truro Motor Inn, in the amount of \$1.6 million.

Attorney Klein explained that Town Meeting voted to acquire the property. The appraisal came in at \$1.6 million. The Select Board needs to vote to acquire the property by eminent domain. Funds will come from the Dennis Family Gift Account. Outstanding tax liabilities of \$400,000 were deducted from the purchase price. The remaining proceeds of approximately \$1.2 million will be placed into a segregated town account, and the IRS would be notified that the taking has occurred.

Member Weinstein made a motion that the Select Board approve and sign, with wet signatures, an Order of Taking for the Truro Motor Inn located at 296 Route 6 and further authorize the Town Manager, working with the Assessing Office, to pay the sum of \$1.6 million from the Dennis Family Gift account as compensation for said taking, retaining to the Town any outstanding real estate taxes owed by the property owner as deemed appropriate and place the remaining funds in a segregated escrow account.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted: 5-0-0, motion carries.

8. ANCHORAGE ON THE BAY CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to approve the conversion of the Anchorage on the Bay condominiums from seasonal to year-round.

This involved reviewing compliance with local regulations and signing off on documentation.

Member Girard-Irwin made a motion to approve the conversion of the Anchorage on the Bay condominiums from seasonal to year-round and authorize the Select Board to wet sign the Release from Declaration of Covenant.

Member Weinstein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.





9. BUDGET

9.1 FY2026 Budget Guidance Letter and FY2026 Budget Task Force Schedule

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to approve the Budget Guidance Letter with clarifications regarding funding sources for positions.

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to approve the 2026 Fiscal Year budget preparation timeline, as amended.

Town Manager Tangeman pointed out that the meeting schedule was amended based upon the last Select Board work session.

Discussion was held regarding when budgets would be ready for review by the Select Board. They would like them at least by the Wednesday before the Budget Task Force meetings to enable enough time to view.

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Guidance Letter and Budget Task Force meeting schedule and noted concerns over staffing increases, including whether the Town administration approved funding for new positions.

Clarifications were made regarding staffing positions and funding sources.

Member Rein made a motion to approve the draft budget guidance letter with amendments related to positions and to authorize the Finance Department to transmit the letter to the budget preparers with the FY2026 budget materials, and to approve the FY2026 Budget Task Force meeting schedule.

Chair Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

10. RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to approve the amount of \$55,000 for one year to continue the rental assistance program through the Homeless Prevention Council.

Truro Housing Authority Chair Gallo explained that the Housing Authority would like to renew the contract for one year with the Homeless Prevention Council for running the rental assistance program. Ms. Gallo gave a summary of the number of families assisted over the past two years.

Chair Areson asked about the geographical location of the properties, to which Ms. Gallo stated they were all located in Truro.

Member Medoff made a motion to allocate up to \$50,000 for this year and up to \$50,000 for next year to operate the Rental Assistance program for an additional two years for a total of up to \$100,000 from the Trust over two years for this purpose, as requested by the Truro Housing Authority.

Member Rein seconded.

Ms. Gallo mentioned that there had been discussion about the administration of the contract transitioning to the new Housing Coordinator. Assistant Town Manager Clark added that the allocation would still be needed. She doesn't see an issue with the Board allocating the funding for the program, but who is administering the program might change between this year and next year.

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Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

11. <u>CONTRACT FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH HOMELESS PREVENTION COUNCIL</u>

Chair Areson stated that this would be for funds less than \$10,000. Ms. Gallo explained that the "less than \$10,000" figure was for services. They don't count the money that is used to pay rent.

Chair Areson made a motion to approve the contract with the Homeless Prevention Council for the Rental Assistance Program and authorize the Town Manager to sign.

Member Weinstein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Assistant Town Manager Clark pointed out that in the Consent Agenda there was a reference to the support for the annual CPC application from the Truro Housing Authority. She asked the Chair if she wanted to offer her colleagues a chance to ask Ms. Gallo any questions they may have. No Select Board members had questions.

12. TOWN MANAGER'S REMOTE WORK POLICY DEBATE

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Town Manager's remote work practices and whether he should notify the board when he is working remotely.

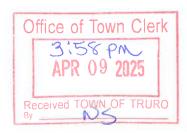
The debate focused on whether the Town Manager should notify the Select Board when working remotely for two or more consecutive days.

The Town Manager stated that no formal policy existed, leading to a heated exchange on transparency and accountability.

Member Girard-Irwin made a motion to require the Town Manager to notify the Select Board, via the Chair, of any planned or unplanned remote work of two or more consecutive business days.

Member Medoff seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.



13. <u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO HOLD A LISTENING SESSION ON WATER RESOURCES</u>

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to schedule a dedicated listening session, where residents could express concerns, share experiences, and ask questions regarding the town's water management strategy.

ACTION – The Town administration will coordinate scheduling and select a date for the listening session on water resources.

ACTION – The Town administration will notify relevant experts and agencies to attend the listening session on water resources and provide input.

ACTION – The Town administration will initiate public outreach efforts to ensure strong community participation in the listening session on water resources

Board members acknowledged that water resource management is a growing concern for residents, particularly with recent discussions around private well testing and municipal water expansion. Some members suggested that the town should invite experts from state or regional water commissions to provide data and guidance.

The conversation revolved around increasing community engagement and education on critical water-related issues, including:

- Groundwater safety and contamination concerns.
- Coastal resiliency and the impact of climate change on local water sources.
- The need for community input on potential water conservation policies.

Member Medoff made a motion to work with the Communications and Marketing Coordinator and members of Town Staff of Truro (and potentially Provincetown) to develop a communications plan to bring back to the Select Board for Board approval.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.



14. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL/SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT GRANT APPLICATION FROM BEACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION ON DIABILITIES FOR ACCESSSIBLE RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AT CORN HILL BEACH

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to approve and formally support the CPA grant application, affirming the town's commitment to accessibility and equitable space improvements.

Beach Advisory Committee Chair Ann Courtney stated that her committee and the Commission on Disabilities met on October 10th, 2024, to discuss issues that they were all concerned about. One item that came up was the Corn Hill Beach boardwalk. Corn Hill Beach is the only handicapped accessible beach in Truro. The Committee is asking for the Select Board's support for a Community Preservation Act grant application to ask for funding for the planning, design and building of a replacement walkway and railing system that will maintain safety and accessibility to Corn Hill Beach as well as creating an expanded recreational area for persons with mobility challenges.

Hannah King, Co Chair of the Commission on Disabilities, added that they would also be asking for 2 beach wheelchairs.

ACTION – The Town administration will assist in the finalization of the grant application before submission.

ACTION – The Town administration will facilitate collaboration between the Beach Advisory Committee and the Commission on Disabilities to oversee implementation if funds are awarded.

ACTION – The Beach Advisory Committee and the Commission on Disabilities will provide regular progress updates to the Select Board to ensure transparency and community awareness.

The Select Board reviewed a grant application submitted under the Community Preservation Act (CPA) by the Beach Advisory Committee and Commission on Disabilities. The grant application sought funding for accessible recreation improvements at Corn Hill Beach, focusing on compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards and enhancing beach access for all visitors.

Key elements of the proposed improvements included:

- Installation of accessible pathways to allow wheelchair users and those with mobility impairments easier access to the beach.
- Upgrading parking facilities with designated accessible spaces closer to the main entrance.

- Providing beach mobility mats and other supportive equipment to aid individuals with disabilities in reaching the water.
- Ensuring restroom facilities meet ADA requirements for usability and convenience.

During the discussion, Board members expressed strong support for improving inclusive beach access, recognizing that Corn Hill Beach is a well-visited location and should be welcoming to all residents and visitors.

Member Rein made a motion to support the Community Preservation Act Grant application of the Beach Advisory Committee and Commission on Disabilities for Accessible Recreation Improvements at Corn Hill Beach, with final design to be approved at a future Select Board meeting prior to construction (provided the grant is secured).

Member Weinstein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

15. OWNER'S PROJECT MANAGER (OPM) SELECTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

A motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract with Environmental Partners.

DPW Director Cabral came before the Board. He stated that interviews with the applicants, of which there were three. Deliberations were held on October 17, 2024. The three applicants were ranked, and Environmental Partners (EP) was the recommended company.

The Board approved Environmental Partners (EP) as the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for the Department of Public Works (DPW) facility.

Environmental Partners (EP) will:

- Review all existing data on the DPW project.
- Oversee the design process and cost assessments.
- Work with Cape Light Compact for energy evaluations.
- Conduct a community survey to understand public concerns about cost and location.

Member Weinstein made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement for the OPM services with Environmental Partners for the new DPW Facility and associated documents.

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Member Medoff seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Member Weinstein-Aye Member Rein-Aye Member Medoff-Aye Member Girard-Irwin-Aye Chair-Areson-Aye So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.



16. GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE

On a motion duly made and carried, the Board resolved to approve pursuing the energy and climate grants and exploring partnerships with neighboring towns for larger funding opportunities.

Energy Committee Co Chair Higgins-Steele explained what the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program is. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is taking location applications now, on a rolling basis, through FY2026. He then listed the three eligible locations.

- The Community Center/Library Campus
- Truro Central School
- Truro Cobb Library

In the private sector, the following locations are eligible.

- Truro General Store/Post Office
- Montano's Restaurant
- Truro Vineyards
- Shell Station
- Edgewood Farms
- Days Market
- Noons Landing
- Truro Chamber of Commerce

Weston & Sampson will rate which locations are the best, but he would like to hear from the Select Board as well.

Select Board members discussed various locations and thoughts.

DPW Director gave a quick summary of where charging stations are going to be installed. Energy Committee Co Chair Boyle gave an overview of the three types of solar which the Town should be thinking about.

- Rooftop solar-large array on the Truro Central School
- Landfill-they would like to put a couple of acres of a large system there
- Solar Canopies-solar panels over a parking lot

The Board discussed applications for:

- National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program
- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program

Chair Areson made a motion to direct the Energy Committee to pursue a grant for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program and to direct the Energy and Climate Action Committees to pursue a grant for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Member Weinstein-Aye Member Rein-Aye Member Medoff-Aye Member Girard-Irwin-Aye Chair-Areson-Aye So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.



17. SELECT BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Member Weinstein wanted to caution everyone, particularly dog owners, that bow and arrow season started October 7, 2024. An orange vest on a dog is appropriate attire this time of year. This season will run through the end of November. Since we are in the midst of hunting season, the deer are moving around. He asked drivers to be careful and obey the speed limit.

Member Rein attended the first joint meeting between the Beach Advisory Committee and the Commission on Disabilities. She pointed out how great it was that two committees, that had overlapping topics, were able to come together to get something accomplished. She also touched upon the Paddle craft Rack Program. She attended the first Ad Hoc Walsh Committee meeting. The Climate Action Committee meets at Town Hall tomorrow and the Cable and Internet Advisory Committee will be meeting November 1st at Town Hall as well. The Recreation Advisory Committee is down several members, and they are looking for at applicants to fill at least two vacancies.

Member Girard-Irwin reminded groups, or committees of the CPC Grant opportunities as November 1, 2024, is the deadline. She attended a Bike and Walkways Committee and they, too, are short committee membership. She will be holding Select Board Hours on the 25th of this month and then November 13, December 5 and December 13.

Member Medoff thanked the Ad Hoc Walsh Committee for holding a productive meeting. The Water and Sewer Board meeting she attended had good discussion about the history of our towns, the intermunicipal agreement, and the recording is on the Water Resources website for Provincetown. She gave a summary of when the Charter Review Committee and the Zoning Task Force will be holding meetings.

Chair Areson attended the Ad Hoc Walsh Committee meeting yesterday. Concerning committee vacancies, a citizen asked how much time a particular committee takes, if joining. A spreadsheet had been created back a couple of years ago that gave a breakdown of all the details of every committee. Chair Areson would like to see that back on the website. She spoke of the Truro Housing Authority meeting and added that she wants to add some more Select Board Office Hours and also has some topics for the next Select Board agenda.

18. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tangeman stated, regarding Chris Lucy's comment about people applying to serve on a committee, that nothing is hindering any applicant from being interviewed by the Select Board except for the Select Board's time. It is contingent upon the Chair's priorities. In terms of vacancies of jobs within Truro, they are working on filling the Climate Action Coordinator, and the CPC Coordinator and Board Support positions. The Town did not receive the grant for the One Stop Portal. DPW Director Cabral is looking at funds and hopes to have a proposal before the Board at the next meeting. We're waiting to hear a response back from Mass Development on an existing grant. He reminded all Board members to visit Town Hall tomorrow to wet sign some documents. He noted that a Liuna Collective Bargaining Agreement (effective July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025) is included in those documents that they will be signing tomorrow.



19. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

On a motion duly made and carried, it was resolved to approve the consent agenda with minor amendments.

- Review/Approve and Authorize Signature
 - 1. Items for the November 5, 2024, Election
 - 2. Support for Truro Housing Authority Community Preservation Act Grant
 - 3. FY24 CDBG Grant Administration Contract with Bailey Boyd Associates
 - 4. Water Service Application: 43 Shore Road
 - 5. Truro Police Employees Federation MassCOPS Memorandum of Agreement (detail rate change)

Chair Areson noted a couple of minor typos with the Election items.

Chair Areson made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the minor amendments specified as printed in the packet.

Member Medoff seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

20. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDA PLANNING

The Board confirmed that the next work session would take place on October 29, 2024, at 3:00 PM, where they would complete the Town Manager evaluation process. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024, a day after Veteran's Day.

Items for the upcoming agenda include:

- Public hearing for Salty Market.
- Potential appointment of the CCNS (Cape Cod National Seashore) Advisory Committee Alternate.
- Potential appointment of Truro's Representative to the Human Right's Advisory Commission.
- Various committee appointments and interviews.
- Select Board discussions on appointment processes.
- Under Select Board Action- Report for the Out of School Program, Town Seal Development Process, Cable and Internet Advisory Committee Charge Review, TMCIR review when Policy #31 is complete.
- Under Consent Agenda- Several Appointment Renewals, License Renewals

Chair Areson brought up the need to record Housing Authority meetings due to the critical nature of housing issues in the town. She also expressed that staff should explore minimal-resource options, such as training a Housing Authority member to record meetings independently. She's not sure if this needs to be an agenda item on an upcoming Select

Board meeting. Assistant Town Manager Clark added that with the new Housing Coordinator, that person should be able to assist in recording meetings.

Chair Areson would also like to start talking about Town Meeting, as it will be here quickly, and she'd like to speak about Executive Session minutes and also have a discussion with the Board about contracts (she'd like all contracts posted online).

Town Manager Tangeman added that there is a need for an Executive Session for guidance on contract negotiations for an employee.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and carried, it was agreed that there was no further business to transact; the meeting closed at 8:33 p.m.

Member Medoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Areson seconded.

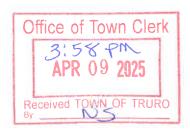
Roll Call Vote:
Member Weinstein-Aye
Member Rein-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Girard-Irwin-Aye
Chair-Areson-Aye
So Voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

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Respectfully submitted,

Noelle Scoullar, on behalf of Minutes Solutions



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Vice Chair-Robert Weinstein

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