# Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall Tuesday, July 11, 2017

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

Janet Worthington

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer

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

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION**

## Fiscal 2018 Board of Selectmen's Goals and Objectives

Chair Paul Wisotzky said that no changes had been made since the hearing for the Selectmen's *Goals & Objectives* for Fiscal Year 2018 had been held. He thanked everyone for their efforts in preparing them.

Robert Weinstein moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 *Goals & Objectives*. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

# Discussion of Part-Time Resident Summer Meeting Agenda

Paul Wisotzky said that the meeting with Part-Time Residents is scheduled for August 9, 2017. He said the tax exemption would be a big topic. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer offered to prepare an informational presentation on how the tax exemption will work. Other suggested topics include: an update on the Pamet River and other environmental projects; bike lanes and public safety; the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPOs) discussions on a rail extension; introductions to the interim Police Chief, the new DPW Director and Assistant Town Manager; and changes in permitting.

# Beach Commission Discussion on Resident Only Beach

Eliza Harned, Chair of the Beach Commission, and the other Beach Commissioners joined the meeting to discuss a proposal to make Coast Guard Beach a Resident Only Beach for parking. It would be for the benefit is for residents and tax payers. Rae Ann Palmer said it would not be something that could be implemented this year because beach stickers are already being sold. Board members asked about use of the beach, access by bike and walkers, restricted parking only some of the time, and designation as Residents Only "Parking," rather than "Beach." The Board said they would need to think further about the proposal.

Regan McCarthy, President of Part Time Taxpayers, came forward to ask if the Beach Commission had thought about impact at other beaches. The Beach Commissioners did not think that use of the small lot would affect the other beaches. Jay Coburn suggested considering a compromise use of 70% of the lot for residents and tax payers.

Jay Coburn moved to table the issue until the September 26, 2017 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Eliza Harned stated that at present the Beach Commission is not in favor of running a shuttle to the beaches which do not have turn-around space and are rarely filled to capacity.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature: None;
- B. Review and Approve Reappointments of Rebecca Bruyn (Truro Cultural Council); Jackson Dutra (Recreation Commission); John Goff and Tim Silva (Pamet Harbor Commission); David Perry and Richard Larkin (Historical Commission);
- C. Review and Approve Bob Higgins-Steele to Full Membership on Energy Committee;
- D. Review and Approve Chris Lucy for Appointment on Local Comprehensive Plan Committee
- E. Review and Approve One Day Entertainment License for Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA) July 13th from 6pm-10pm at 11 Shore Rd, Truro Vineyards;
- F. Review and Approve One Day Entertainment Licenses (3) and One Day Pouring Licenses (3) for Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill on July 15th, July 28th, and August 12th; and
- G. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes: June 20, 2017, and June 27, 2017.

Maureen Burgess corrected an error in the minutes of June 27, 2017.

Jay Coburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed with the amended minutes of June 27, 2017. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

## SELECTMEN REPORTS AND TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Chair and the Town Manager made reports. Paul Wisotzky thanked the staff for the retirement party for Police Chief Kyle Takakjian. He said the Celebration for the Restoration of the Truro Meetinghouse had been a success. He reported on the most recent Farmer's Market on Monday. He recommended the upcoming Open House at Edgewood Farms. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer announced the retirement of Health and Conservation Agent Patricia Pajaron. The Town Planner interviews will be scheduled soon, she said. KP Law will be working on the cable contract with her. The home rule petition on resident tax is pending at the State House, she said.

As Marjorie Childs and her husband came forward, Paul Wisotzky also noted her recent retirement from the Council on Aging and thanked her for her service.

### PESTICIDE USE ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES

Leo "Skip" Childs and Marjorie Childs explained a situation of consequence to their beekeeping when an abutter hired a mosquito control company to make an application of pesticide. The contractor initially said he would be using organic oils only, but returned and sprayed the neighbor's yard with a chemical treatment. The Childs were informed that the applications would be repeated every two weeks. The Childs moved their beehives to other property. The Health Agent told the Childs that Truro does not have regulations about the impact of spraying pesticides on neighboring property. There is no requirement at the state level to notify abutters of when the product will be applied. Mr. Childs said they had several hundred dead bees and a sick cat after the application of the pesticide. He questioned if the contractor was certified for applying chemicals. He considers the enterprise insensitive to the environmental issues involved.

Rae Ann Palmer said the Pesticide Control Board at the state level is the only regulatory board that serves as her source of information. She said she will find out what they suggest as a way of documenting the situation. Board members and the Town Manager discussed: writing to the Pesticide Control Board regarding "chemical trespass"; investigating the power of the Town to regulate spraying; getting information from Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA); health issues at the storage facilities of the pesticides at the business in Wellfleet; distinguishing between *pyrethrin* and *pyrethrum*; blending chemicals and oils; attitudes of the Childs' neighbors and possible regulations against aerosol applications of the pesticide.

#### **NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Rae Ann Palmer gave agenda items so far for the meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017: review of Selectmen's Policies, the Part-time Residents meeting, pesticides, licenses, and appointments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Robert Weinstein seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers, Secretary

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Paul Wisotzky, Chair/

Jay Coburn

Maureen Burgess Vice-chair

Janet Worthington,

Robert Weinstein, Clerk

## **Public Records Material of 7/11/17**

- 1. FY18 Selectmen's Goals & Objectives
- 2. Reappointment papers of Rebecca Bruyn (Truro Cultural Council); Jackson Dutra (Recreation Commission); John Goff and Tim Silva (Pamet Harbor Commission); David Perry and Richard Larkin (Historical Commission)
- 3. Appointment papers for Bob Higgins-Steele to Full Membership on Energy Committee
- 4. Papers for Chris Lucy for Appointment on Local Comprehensive Plan Committee
- 5. Application for One Day Entertainment License for Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA) July 13th from 6pm-10pm at 11 Shore Rd, Truro Vineyards
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