# Truro Select Board Meeting Tuesday, August 14, 2018 Truro Town Hall

Select Board Members Present: Chair Robert Weinstein; Maureen Burgess, Kristen Reed, Paul Wisotzky, Janet Worthington

Present: Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark

Chair Robert Weinstein called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE & BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Jim Summers introduced himself, explained his background and his interest in serving on the Historical Commission.

Paul Wisotzky moved to approve the appointment of Jim Summers to the Truro Historical Commission for a three-year term which will expire June 30, 2021. Janet Worthington seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Gerry Woodcome gave his Truro background. He said that he believes his experiences in finances will be an asset to the Pamet Harbor Commission.

Janet Worthington moved to approve the appointment of Gerry Woodcome to the Pamet Harbor Commission for a one-year term which will expire on June 30, 2019. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Jill Mays, a candidate for the Truro Cultural Council, explained her background in writing and with children's groups.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the appointment of Jill Mays to the Truro Cultural Council for a three-year term which will expire June 30, 2021. Kristen Reed seconded, the motion carried 5-0.

Ronald Boyles related his personal experiences with the decline of family members, something that he believes has prepared him to help on the Council on Aging.

Paul Wisotzky moved to approve the appointment of Ronald Boyles to the Council on Aging, for a three-year term which will expire June 30, 2021. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

# **BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION**

## 2018 State Primary Warrant

Town Clerk Cynthia Slade presented the 2018 Warrant for the State Primary. She asked the Selectmen to sign two copies. The State Primary will be held at the Truro Community Center on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 from 7:00a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve signing the 2018 State Primary Warrant. Paul Wisotzky seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

# Special Fall Town Meeting Date

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer explained that the Planning Board was preparing zoning bylaws on cannabis and house size. The original date of September 12, 2018 will not be possible because of the necessary timing of the public hearing for the bylaws. She recommended September 26 or 27, 2018. Either date would allow for proper postings. The School gym and the Town Moderator are also available on either date.

Paul Wisotzky moved to approve September 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Central School for Special Fall Town Meeting. Kristen Reed seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Union Contracts**

Rae Ann Palmer said that the labor negotiations had been very successful with AFSCME and LIUNA, but getting the changes incorporated into the agreements had taken time. The pay increases and changes in tracking vacation time were the main changes, she said. Both unions had ratified the agreements. Ms. Palmer said Jarrod Cabral, Trudi Brazil, and Town Counsel Jenkins had prepared the agreement for ASCME. Trudi Brazil, Attorney Jenkins and Rae Ann Palmer had worked on the LIUNA agreement.

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the labor agreements with AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1462 and Truro Public Employee's Local Union, Supervisor/Department Head Unit and Employee Unit of the Laborer's International Union of North America (LIUNA) for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Paul Wisotzky seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

# Use of Town Roads for Organized Bike & Road Races/Events

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer reviewed the bike races and events that use Truro roads each year. She said the Town needed to put parameters on which roads could be used. Ms. Palmer was also looking for policy direction from the Board of Selectmen. Police Chief Jamie Calise and Lt. Craig Danziger were present to comment on the events. They said safety was the main police concern, discussed race vs. ride, and intent to create a plan. Lt. Danziger said the Truro Police would contact other towns and the PanMass organizers since that was the biggest event that impacts most Cape towns. Truro increases patrols and officers for the Sunday that the PanMass riders and support vehicles come through the town.

Chair Weinstein said he is interested in keeping the PanMass event on Route 6 and moving it to spring or fall. Rae Ann Palmer discussed reported problems on Depot Rd., Castle Rd. and Snow's Park. Chief Calise said he would be interested in a traffic study before recommending that the ride be kept on Rte. 6. Ms. Palmer said the Cape Cod Commission may have some traffic studies. Paul Wisotzky and Maureen Burgess asked about the legalities of limiting the bicyclists to Rte. 6. Rae Ann Palmer said there were factors to consider about moving away from the narrowness and windiness of Castle Rd. The police officers and the Selectmen concurred that the Town should collaborate with PanMass organizers and the other Cape towns well ahead of the event. Kelly Clark said the PanMass organizer was willing to work with Truro.

Chair Weinstein read regulations for bicycle races, which are different from bicycle events. Janet Worthington asked about events other than PanMass. Ms. Palmer said that Ragnar and PanMass are the two big challenges. Paul Wisotzky and Kristen Reed volunteered to help with contacting the other communities and organizers. They, along with Ms. Palmer, the Police, and the Assistant Town Manager will work on the effort.

Ms. Palmer said that the Town has already said *no* to the Ragnar Relay for 2019 because of problems this year. Maureen Burgess elaborated on the complications from Ragnar 2018. Lt. Danziger and Chief Calise commented on other possibilities for improving safety and traffic problems.

# Questions from the Part-time Resident Advisory Committee

Vice-Chair Maureen Burgess had relayed six questions raised by the Part-Time Resident Advisory Committee. She asked that the Selectmen give the questions thought and be ready to answer the questions at the upcoming tax classification hearing. Chair Robert Weinstein said he would focus on the first question on the rationale for implementing a Resident Tax Exemption (RTE). He commented on the complicated calculations for RTE made by the Town and State. The Board will be prepared to address the questions at the tax classification hearing.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:
  - 1. One Day Alcohol License for Pamet Harbor Yacht Club August 25th
  - 2. MADOT Form for American Lung Association Annual Bike Ride September 30th
  - 3. Application for New or Expansion of Existing Water Service-Colonial Village-630 Shore Road
  - 4. Application for a Curb Cut Permit for 19 Priest Road Stefanie O'Neill
- B. Review and Approve Reappointments to: Susan Areson-Zoning Board of Appeals; Bob Panessiti-Charter Review Committee; Janice Parky-Open Space Committee; Patricia Wheeler-Truro Concert Committee and Human Services Committee; Gary Palmer-Charter Review Committee
- C. Authorize Board of Selectmen Chair to sign Housing Choice Initiative Grant Application
- D. Review and Approve the appointment of Police Chief Jamie Calise to Keeper of the Lock-up
- E. Review and Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes: July 24, 2018

Maureen Burgess moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. Paul Wisotzky seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

# SELECTMEN REPORTS AND TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Janet Worthington reported on the need for better parking signage especially on days of the Farmer's Market, and she advocated for a citizen's group to work on preparedness for hurricanes. Rae Ann Palmer said that Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark will be in charge of working with staff to organize citizens for emergency preparedness.

Paul Wisotzky had attended the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee (LCPC), who are putting out an RFP for a consultant. The information gathered at the Part-Time Residents

meeting had been useful to the LCPC. Mr. Wisotzky had also attended the School Committee meeting. He said curriculum is being planned for the sixth grade class; postings are advertised for a Special Ed teacher and an Educational Assistant; and the Green Communities grant for the boiler had not been secured.

Maureen Burgess asked about follow-up information gathered for the LCPC at the Part-Time Residents meeting. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said the material had been written up and will be e-mailed to participants and the Selectmen. To remain in contact, Part-Time residents and anyone else interested in receiving the Town Manager's weekly reports can easily sign up on the Town website. Ms. Burgess also reported on her participation in a 2-person panel discussion for *Truro Connection*. She had presented "Aging in Place," suggestions for modifications that allow seniors to stay in their homes longer. A compilation of local and regional resources which she had provided will be included on the COA website.

Kristen Reed said she has been grateful to receive the Truro Alerts, which have begun. During her Office Hours, she heard concerns about the Little Pamet watershed and culvert, and she suggested that this be a future agenda item. She thanked all those who participated in the Part-Time Residents meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Weinstein thanked the participants who stayed for the entire Part-Time Residents meeting. He said he had also attended the last two meetings of the Part-Time Advisory Committee, who had generated the list of questions for the tax rate hearing. He, Paul Wisotzky and Rae Ann Palmer had met with Brian Carlstrom, the new Superintendent of the National Seashore. They had discussed the Herring River MOU and possible use of the former Air Force base for parking. Rae Ann Palmer and Paul Wisotzky agreed that the Superintendent was very open to working with the Town. Mr. Weinstein said he had met with the Superintendent at another meeting with other towns and commented on his willingness to listen. He said that the Park Service always expects a plan for any proposal from the Town.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said that because the Green Communities money for the school boiler had not been granted, there will be a transfer Article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. She reported that a new, lighter and easier to manage tide gate for the Pamet River near Jams had been installed by the DPW. In the process, a missing dinghy was found in the pipe. The fire rescue boat is permanently in the water at Pamet Harbor, and a smaller raft can be quickly launched on the ocean side, she reported. At Ann Greenbaum's request, the Board of Assessors will look at other need-based exemptions for taxes, Ms. Palmer said. She announced that the Musnuffs intend to donate their Ballston Beach property to the Town. A position for Director for the After-School program is being advertised, but no one has been found yet. Ms. Palmer plans to attend the One-Cape Summit offered by the Cape Cod Commission on water quality issues.

### **SELECTMEN COMMENTS**

Kristen Reed exhorted the public, "Remember to drink water," to stay hydrated in the hot weather.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Rae Ann Palmer reviewed agenda items for the August 28, 2018 meeting: opening the Warrant for Special Town Meeting; possible voting on Articles; licenses; and the proclamation for Annual Suicide Prevention Week. Chair Weinstein requested an agenda item for a future meeting, an update on the Little Pamet based on information provided by Claire Perry. Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said this will happen after more analysis is done; a plan for it will likely be included in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Paul Wisotzky requested two future agenda items: the 2019 Municipal Schedule and plans for an "End of Summer" party.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Paul Wisotzky moved to adjourn. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers, Secretary

Robert Weinstein, Chair

Maureen Burgess, Vice-chair

Kristen Reed

Paul Wisotzky

Janet Worthington, Clerk



### Public Records Material of 8/14/18

- 1) Appointment papers of Jim Summers for the Historical Commission
- 2) Appointment papers of Gerry Woodcome for the Pamet Harbor Commission

- 3) Appointment papers of Jill Mays for the Truro Cultural Council
- 4) Appointment papers of Ronald Boyles for the Council on Aging
- 5) 2018 State Primary Warrant
- 6) Labor agreement with AFSCME
- 7) Labor agreement with LIUNA
- 8) List of bike and road races and events using Truro roads
- 9) Questions from Part Time Residents Advisory Committee on RTE's
- 10) One Day Alcohol License for Pamet Harbor Yacht Club August 25<sup>th</sup>
- 11) MADOT form for American Lung Association Annual Bike Ride September 30th
- 12) Application for Water Service-Colonial Village-630 Shore Road
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- 15) Housing Choice Initiative Grant Application
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