**Select Board Meeting Minutes** 

June 25, 2024, Meeting (Hybrid via Zoom)

Via Zoom Platform

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

Select Board Members Absent: Susan Girard-Irwin

Others Present: Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager; Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager; Elisabeth Verde-Town Clerk; Paul Wisotzky-Town Moderator; Jarrod Cabral-DPW Director; Timothy Collins-Fire Chief; Emily Beebe-Health and Conservation Agent; Tony Jackett-Harbormaster; Chris Lucy (Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Truro Voter); Anne Greenbaum (Vice Chair of the Planning Board and Truro Voter); Jack Riemer (Planning Board Member and Truro Voter); Kate O'Brien (Truro Resident); Karen Ruymann (Truro Voter); Clint Kershaw (Truro Voter); Julie Tremblay (Truro Resident); Elena Rice (Truro Resident); Sharon Stahl (Cultural Council Member and Truro Voter); Jan Worthington (Truro Voter); Chris Clark (Truro Resident); Pamela Wolff (Truro Resident); Kevin Kuechler (Truro Voter); Lili Flanders (Chair of the Climate Action Committee and Truro Voter); Bob Higgins-Steele (Vice Chair of the Energy Committee);

Chair Areson opened the meeting at 5:02 pm and read aloud the information for members of the public to join the meeting. Chair Areson also read aloud the rules for the public to follow when making public comments in accordance with Select Board Policy 59 and codified in M.G.L. Chapter 30A §20.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Areson recognized the following individuals who made public comment (topic of comment is included next to individual's name): Chair Areson (made a public apology to Dennis O'Brien for allowing his public comment to be curtailed at the Select Board meeting on 6/11/2024); Ms. O'Brien (thanked Chair Areson for her apology and then read aloud a public comment on behalf of her husband, Dennis, regarding Vice Chair Weinstein's alleged resurrection of 340 Route 6 as the site for the new DPW Facility contrary to what was approved by voters at Town Meeting); Ms. Ruymann (commented on water resources and the impact of a declining environment affecting the health of local residents and the Select Board's FY2025 Goals & Objectives); Mr. Kershaw (Historical Tax Rates tab on the Town Assessor's website does not reflect the full calculations and requested that someone from Town staff or a Member respond to his concern); Ms. Tremblay (a request that the Select Board add to an upcoming meeting agenda a discussion about traffic and pedestrian safety on South Highland Road and the potential of a petition addressing this matter); Ms. Rice (expressed concern about proposed off-shore wind farms in the Gulf of Maine and that the community has not been fully informed about this topic and about the negative impact on the environment); Ms. Stahl (commented on holding community forums outside of regular town meetings and the suggestion of consolidation of committees and boards); Ms. Worthington (expressed support for Ms. Rice's comments made earlier regarding off-shore wind farms); Mr. Clark (expressed support for a more detailed discussion with the Town leadership regarding offshore wind farms); Ms. Wolff (congratulated the new Select Board members and the veracity and

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accountability of the Select Board members and Town staff in regards to the resurrection of 340 Route 6 after the vote at Annual Town Meeting).

### **MODERATOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Finance Committee Appointments

Town Moderator Wisotzky reported on the status of 3 re-appointments to the Finance Committee as there were no new applicants. Town Moderator Wisotzky read aloud a statement of support from Finance Committee Chair Bob Panessiti for the re-appointments of Lori Meads, Raphael Richter, and Kristen Roberts.

Based upon the recommendation of Finance Committee Chair Panisseti, Town Moderator Wisotzky announced that he was re-appointing all three individuals to another 3-year term which will commence on July 1, 2024, and expires on June 30, 2027.

Town Moderator Wisotzky also thanked all the Members of the Finance Committee for their dedicated service to the Town.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NSTAR Electronic Company dba Eversource Energy Installation of 66' conduit from proposed handhole 9255/HA342 at base of pole 9255/342 to customer installed handhole 9255/HB342 at 448 Shore Rd Presenter: Marrisa Jackson, Right of Way Agent

Chair Areson read aloud the public hearing announcement regarding NSTAR Electronic Company dba Eversource Energy Installation and then announced that the public hearing was open.

Chair Areson recognized Ms. Jackson who presented the application, a summary of the project, and the justification for approval.

Members had no questions or comments. No members of the public had questions or comments.

Member Rein made a motion to close the hearing.

Chair Areson seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein – Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Chair Areson – Aye

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

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to approve the work for the installation of 66'+/- of 1-3" conduit for underground electrical service from proposed handhole 9255/HA342 at the base of pole 9255/342 to customer-installed handhole 9255/HB342 at 448 Shore Road for W/O# 1 16689197 (Map 9, Parcel 5) and authorize the Select Board Clerk, Nancy Medoff, to sign and the Truro Town Clerk, Elisabeth Verde to attest.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye



Member Rein – Aye Clerk Medoff – Aye Chair Areson – Aye So voted, 4-0-0, motion carries.

B. Public Hearing on FY2025 Select Board Goals and Objectives with the Town Manager

Chair Areson read aloud the public hearing announcement regarding the FY2025 Select Board Goals and Objectives with the Town Moderator and then announced that the public hearing was open.

Chair Areson provided an overview of this agenda item and noted that the Members wanted to align the FY2025 Goals and Objectives with the five priorities outlined in the recently approved Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP):

- Housing
- Environment and Climate Change
- Business and Economic Development
- Regional Infrastructure
- Build a Collaborative and Supportive Community Culture

Chair Areson recognized Town Moderator Wisotzky who announced that this annual hearing was held in accordance with the Town Charter. Town Moderator Wisotzky explained the process for the hearing and then conducted a roll call of the 38 Town boards and committees which were represented at this public hearing.

(Video Timestamp: 49m15s) Town Moderator Wisotzky reviewed the definitions of a goal and an objective to include a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) objective.

Town Moderator Wisotzky then led the review and the discussion on the following items (Agenda Item: 3B4):

- LCP Priorities/Select Board FY2025 Goals
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Goal: Address the housing crisis across a wide variety of demographics and income levels
    - No comments or questions on the goal or objectives.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Goal: Support business and economic opportunities
    - Chair Areson commented on the need to collaborate with the Cultural Council.
    - Sharon Stahl (commented as an individual) stated that the Cultural Council could contribute to this goal although she heard that the Cultural Council would not be part of this process.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Goal: Address regional infrastructure needs
    - Clint Kershaw commented on water resources.
    - Jack Riemer (commented as an individual) agreed with Mr. Kershaw's previous comments and then presented and commented on a report from Environmental Partners (dated 6/12/23) to DPW Director Cabral and Provincetown Water Department Superintendent Cody Salisbury regarding
      Description of Transactions and Transaction of Water Systems Demand Assessment

Provincetown and Truro Combined Water Systems Demand Assessment.



- Health and Conservation Agent Beebe commented on Objective #1 (By Spring 2025, the Select Board will work with the Town of Provincetown to develop an agreement, between the two towns, to jointly pursue the siting, permitting, and development of additional water resources to serve the future needs of both communities by Spring 2025.) Health and Conservation Agent Beebe noted that a lot of work is going on between the two Town staffs to identify the issues affecting both communities. Health and Conservation Agent Beebe agreed with the previous comments by Mr. Kershaw and Mr. Riemer and noted that the Towns needed to rely on science before any agreement is signed. Health and Conservation Agent Beebe added that this is a top priority for her office.
- Chair Areson asked Health and Conservation Agent Beebe to provide more information on the Comprehensive Water Management Plan and Health and Conservation Agent Beebe provided additional information.
- Chris Lucy (commented as an individual) commented on Objective #1 and the National Seashore's claim that 4 million visitors come to the Lower Cape but do not provide any water resource assistance. Mr. Lucy suggested a collaboration among the Lower Cape communities to work with the National Seashore to identify well heads in the National Seashore. Mr. Lucy noted that Truro is the smallest town on Cape Cod and yet provides water to two communities.
- Town Manager Tangeman commented on the ongoing collaboration between the two Town staffs.
- Health and Conservation Agent Beebe commented on fire suppression on a regional level, and it should definitely include the National Park Service.
- Jack Riemer (commented as an individual) on the recycling of water from toilets to water to drink in California referred to as "Toilet to Tap."
- Kevin Kuechler commented on the need to develop additional water resources to include a co-development with Wellfleet that may take up to 20 years.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Goal: Protect the natural and built environment and address the impacts of climate change
  - No comments or questions on the goal or objectives.
- o 5<sup>th</sup> Goal: Build a collaborative and supportive community culture
  - Clerk Medoff noted that Objective #2 (In support of the Local Comprehensive Plan, the Select Board will collaborate with members of the community to ensure transparency and inclusivity and to develop a new generation of community leaders from diverse backgrounds. As part of this process, the SB will: Support Community-led forums facilitated by community volunteers. These informal meetings will be held in informal settings to encourage two-way communication with a balance of venues, topics, formats and processes so that everyone in our community feels comfortable sharing and hearing ideas. As appropriate and allowable by policy, the Select Board will provide marketing support via monthly Truro Talks newsletter, social media and inclusion on the agenda at various Select Board meetings to discuss and promote upcoming Forums. Provide resources in support of marketing to promote Boards and Committee work. This will include and is not limited to recruitment on social who Clerk

media, training and support for those interested in community service via Town Boards/Committees, re-energizing the Committee and Board "playbook" to help nurture and develop our next generation of Town leadership and volunteers. • Foster communication among Boards and Committees with semi-annual round table discussions with board/community chairs to discuss and share accomplishments, plans, challenges and opportunities.) was not discussed with the Select Board as she and Member Girard-Irwin had prepared the objective but had not yet presented it to the Members. Town Moderator Wisotzky thanked Clerk Medoff for the clarification.

- Anne Greenbaum commented on the Sign Code as Vice Chair of the Planning Board. Ms. Greenbaum noted that a public forum would be important as it would demonstrate to the public that people can be brought together and have positive conversations. Ms. Greenbaum then commented as a representative to the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee (LCPC) and said that she appreciated the approved LCP's inclusion in the FY2025 Goals and Objectives. Ms. Greenbaum then read aloud the Growth Policy.
- Karen Ruymann commented on community-led public forums facilitated by community volunteers and noted the appreciated interest by Health and Conservation Agent Beebe in Pond Village. Ms. Ruymann would like to learn more about this topic moving forward as she would like to participate.

Town Moderator Wisotzky then reviewed a summary slide of the FY2025 Goals and Objectives and asked if anyone had any closing comments or questions prior to closing the hearing. There were no additional comments or questions.

Chair Areson made a motion to close the hearing.
Member Rein seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Clerk Medoff - Aye
Chair Areson - Aye
So voted, 4-0-0, motion carries.

Chair Areson thanked Town Moderator Wisotzky for his hard work and efforts.

Assistant Town Manager Clark thanked Clerk Medoff for her preparation of the slide deck presentation used by Town Moderator Wisotzky.

Chair Areson noted that she would like to take a pause in the discussion of this agenda item in order to give Member Girard-Irwin an opportunity to participate in the process when she is available. There were no objections and unanimous support by the Members.

Chair Areson asked Town Manager Tangeman to provide an overview of the prioritization process. Criteria considerations include suitability, feasibility, resources available, and acceptability. This will result in a score for each objective.

Assistant Town Manager Clark suggested that once the scores are determined the Select Board could also develop tiers for the priorities of objectives.

Chair Areson recognized Climate Action Committee Chair Flanders who asked for clarification of what was being prioritized and Chair Areson responded that the objectives were being prioritized.

#### INTRODUCTION TO NEW EMPLOYEES

None

## **BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

A. Provincetown Water & Sewer Board: Nancy Medoff

Chair Areson announced that Clerk Medoff would like to replace former Member John Dundas on this board due to expiration of his term.

Member Rein made a motion to appoint Nancy Medoff as Truro's representative on the Provincetown Water & Sewer Board for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2027.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye Member Rein - Aye Clerk Medoff - Aye Chair Areson - Aye So voted, 4-0-0, motion carries.

### **STAFF/ COMMITTEE UPDATES**

None

#### **TABLED ITEMS**

None

#### **SELECT BOARD ACTION**

A. Discussion and Possible Vote on Finalization and Prioritization of FY2025 Goals and Objectives Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Note: Chair Areson announced that Agenda Item: 8A would be postponed until Member Girard-Irwin was available and there were no objections by the Members.

B. Review and Possible Approval of Amended Policy #46-Zero Emission First Policy Presenter: Brian Boyle, Energy Committee Chair and Bob Higgins-Steele, Energy Committee Vice Chair

Energy Committee Chair Boyle provided an overview of the amended policy and the inclusion of EV (electric vehicles).

Energy Committee Vice Chair Higgins-Steele acknowledged the contributions and work of Energy Town Clerk Committee Alternate Harry Irwin.

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Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to replace the existing Select Board Policy 46: Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Policy with Policy 46: Zero Emission First Policy as proposed and authorize the Chair to sign the notification letter.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Aye

Chair Areson - Aye

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

C. Review and Possible Approval of Amendment of Expenditure Provisions for Beatrice Raisin Fund Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Town Manager Tangeman provided a summary of the Town staff's recommended amendment to align with the Town Charter. Assistant Town Manager Clark noted that the fund has fluctuated between \$6,000 to \$7,000 depending on donations and there have not been many expenditures.

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to amend the provisions of the Beatrice Raisin Fund to "The gift account established by the Town Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53A known as the Beatrice Raisin Fund shall serve the purpose of receiving gifts and donations for the Truro Council on Aging to be expended by the Council on Aging for expenses related to the provision of services for the elders of the Town of Truro; and further that the Council on Aging may expend such funds for lawful expenditures in accordance with Town Charter, Massachusetts General Law, and Town policy.

Clerk Medoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff - Ave

Chair Areson - Aye

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

D. Review and Possible Approval of Increasing Ambulance Transport Mileage Rate and Setting an Additional Ambulance Rate Category of Advanced Life Support 2 Presenter: Timothy Collins, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Collins provided an overview of this agenda item.

Clerk Medoff made a motion to approve raising the ambulance transport rate from \$15 per mile to \$25 per mile and to establish an additional ambulance rate category of ALS 2 at a base rate of \$2927.00.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye

Member Rein - Aye

Clerk Medoff – Aye

Chair Areson - Aye



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

E. Discussion on 340 Route 6 and the Proposed Public Works Facility Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Chair Areson announced that Clerk Medoff had asked for this item to be added to tonight's agenda and that Town Counsel be present; however, Town Counsel was unable to be present. Chair Areson added that the Town is moving forward with Town Hall Hill as voted upon by the voters at the Town Meeting.

Town Manager Tangeman said that the funding for that option will be determined by the voting at the upcoming election this Thursday. DPW Director Cabral also provided input.

Vice Chair Weinstein requested that Town Counsel come to a July meeting to clarify that Town Meeting does not tell the Select Board how to utilize Town-owned property. Chair Areson concurred with his request and there were no objections.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:
  - 1. Entertainment License for Truro Community Kitchen
  - 2. Event Notification Form and Approval Reply Form for National MS Society Bike Ride

B. Review and Approve Appointment Renewals: Shellfish Advisory Committee: Steven Mundree (Full-Member Seat), Chris Clark (Alternate Member Seat), Jim Sloman (Alternate Member Seat); Zoning Board of Appeals: Russell Braun (Full-Member Seat), David Crocker (Full-Member Seat), Arthur Hultin (Full-Member Seat), Darrell Shedd (Full-Member Seat); Commission on Disabilities: Jane Lucas (Full-Member Seat)

- C. Review and Approve 2024 Seasonal Business Licenses: None
- D. Review and Approve Change of Manager and Change of Hours (Montano's Restaurant)
- E. Review and Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes: Select Board Minutes of 3.26.2024

Clerk Medoff announced that she would abstain from the vote on the Minutes of 3.26.2024 as she was not a member at that time.

Member Rein made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written with the noted recusal of Clerk Medoff's vote on the minutes of 3.26.2024.

Vice Chair Weinstein seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

Vice Chair Weinstein - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Clerk Medoff - Aye
Chair Areson - Aye
So voted, 4-0-0, motion carries.

#### **SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Weinstein reported that he attended the most recent Harbor Committee meeting and there was concern about the breach near the North Jetty. Vice Chair Weinstein informed the committee about

the Select Board's approval to contract with the Woods Hole Group and that would provide comprehensive information. Vice Chair Weinstein also recently attended the Library Trustee's meeting in his role as Select Board liaison. The Chair of the Library Trustees Kaitlin Blehm has requested a meeting with the Town Manager and Vice Chair Weinstein to make sure that there are no misunderstandings regarding the library. Vice Chair Weinstein noted that the library and the Library Trustees are separate entities and there is a delineation between the Library Director's role and the role of the Library Trustees.

Member Rein reminded the public to be aware of people walking their pets and cyclists on the roadways and to drive slowly. Member Rein encouraged voters to vote in the election this Thursday.

Clerk Medoff reported that she hosted her first Office Hours last week and thanked those who attended. Clerk Medoff will host weekly Office Hours every Thursday, from 9am-11am, at Town Hall, starting July 11, 2024. She will add other locations in the future. Clerk Medoff noted that she and Member Areson are working on Policy 54 (Standards of Professional Conduct) and Policy 31 (Written Complaints and Communications). Member Medoff reported that she has reached out to all of the committees and boards to which she is a liaison with the exception of the Zoning Task Force. Member Medoff asked for the public to apply and serve on the Zoning Task Force as there are no members yet.

Chair Areson announced that the National Seashore Advisory Commission will meet on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 1 pm, at the Salt Pond Visitors Center to discuss freshwater resources and she will mention issues affecting Truro (issues with MassDOT and stormwater runoff). The National Seashore Advisory Commission's future meeting dates and topics are as follows: August 5 (zoning), September 9 (fire prevention services) and October 7 (climate and coastal resiliency). Chair Areson said that she and Town Manager Tangeman had recently attended a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) meeting at the invitation of State Senator Julian Cyr and reviewed upcoming deadlines regarding public comments on key topics. Chair Areson noted that Truro would request an extension on public comment as there had been no previous meetings and no visits to Lower Cape towns by the BOEM. Chair Areson met last week with the Open Space Committee that is now down to two members. Chair Areson noted that the Open Space Committee's charge was last updated in 2010 and based on the old LCP. Chair Areson said that three people who attended the meeting were interested in serving on the committee and noted that the Open Space and Recreation Plan needed to be updated as well as the charge. Chair Areson reported that she had held Office Hours recently at the Transfer Station and thanked those who came by. Chair Areson noted that she had attended a Housing Authority meeting two weeks ago and the members are interested in learning how Municipal Affordable Housing Trusts are being operated in other Cape Cod communities. The Housing Authority would like to use a consultant as they have funds available.

Chair Weinstein asked Chair Areson to request, at the next National Seashore Advisory Commission meeting, that the National Seashore maintain its fire roads in Truro and to remove inaccurate signage that indicates an overlook that does not exist near his neighborhood. Chair Areson replied that National Seashore Superintendent Jennifer Flynn said that the National Seashore has received a lot of public comments regarding signage and that new and old signs will be addressed in the fall. Additionally, Chair

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Areson said that the fire roads have been an issue and reported by other communities so she will bring it up at the September 9 meeting.

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tangeman announced that there is Longnook Beach closure in effect due to public safety concerns. Town Manager Tangeman reminded the public of the special election, along with four ballot questions, this Thursday, June 27, 2024. Beach stickers are required at all Truro beaches now and there will be a National MS Society Cape Cod Getaway Bike Ride on June 30, 2024, so please exercise caution when driving in Town during the event. Town Manager Tangeman reported that there are a lot of interviews being held for various committees and boards.

Town Manager Tangeman then reviewed the agenda for the next Select Board meeting on July 9, 2024.

Member Rein announced that she had not completed the application to serve on the National Seashore Advisory Commission and she would no longer like to serve on it. Member Rein requested to add that topic to the meeting agenda as the Town had two slots and needed to fill the second one. Member Rein noted that another Member would like to serve on the commission.

Vice Chair Weinstein confirmed with Town Manager Tangeman that Town Counsel was available to meet with the Members in Executive Session on July 9, 2024, and also attend the Select Board meeting that evening to address the site for the DPW Facility.

Clerk Medoff requested an update on Cloverleaf be added to an upcoming meeting agenda as the developer, Ted Malone, had provided an update at last night's ZBA meeting.

Vice Chair Weinstein made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Member Rein seconded the motion.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander O. Powers

Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff

Susan Areson, Chair

Robert Weinstein, Vice Chair

Nancy Medoff, Clerk



Stephanie Rein, Member

Susan Girard-Irwin, Member

# **Public Records Material Attachments**

**Legal Notice** 

**Public Hearing Notice** 

Eversource Form of Order for Underground Cable and Conduit Locations

**Public Hearing Notice** 

FY2024 Goals & Objectives

FY2024 Goals & Objectives Progress Report

Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) Goals & Draft FY2025 Objectives

Policy Memorandum #46-Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy (Existing)

Policy Memorandum #47-Zero Emission Vehicle First Policy (Proposed)

Select Board Draft Notification Letter

February 1, 1995, Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes establishing Beatrice Raisin Gift Fund (pp 3-4)

Advanced Life Support Definition and Explanation

Special Town Meeting Articles 2, 3 and 4

**Annual Town Meeting Article 13** 

Certified Vote on Annual Town Meeting Article 13

Application for an Entertainment License

Application along with Supporting Documentation

Application to Serve-Chris Clark

Application to Serve-Steven Mundree

Application to Serve-James Sloman

Application to Serve-Arthur Hultin

Application to Serve-Darrell Shedd

Application to Serve-David Crocker

Application to Serve-Russell Braun

Application to Serve-Jane Lucas

**ABCC Application for Multiple Amendments** 

Chief of Police Memorandum



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