

Truro Select Board Minutes
April 13, 2021
Via GoToMeeting Platform

Select Board Present: Chair-Robert Weinstein, Vice Chair-Kristen Reed, Clerk-Susan Areson, Member-Stephanie Rein

Select Board Absent: Member-Janet Worthington

Others Present: Town Manager-Darrin Tangeman, Assistant Town Manager-Kelly Clark, Raphael Richter, Kate Blehm, Harbor Master/Shellfish Warden-Anthony Jackett, Orion White, Colby Blehm, Amy Rolnick, Heath/Conservation Agent-Emily Beebe, Charter Review Committee and Finance Committee Chair-Robert Panessiti, DPW Director-Jarrold Cabral, Truro Central School Superintendent-Michael Gradone, Truro Central School-Stephanie Costigan, Joan Holt, Town Accountant-Trudi Brazil, Susan Kurtzman, Town Planner-Barbara Huggins-Carboni, Chair-Energy Committee-Brian Boyle

Chair Weinstein called the meeting to order at 5:07pm. He read instructions for joining the meeting.

Public Comment

Raphael Richter asked if the Select Board would be accepting comments during the Town Meeting Articles discussion, or should people give their comments at the beginning of the meeting? Chair Weinstein would be willing to accept public comment if the comment is focused on the article that is being discussed.

Kate Blehm spoke in favor of Warrant Article #9 to support Truro families.

Public Hearing

Transfer of Aquaculture Development Area Grants #16-20 from John Burns to Orion White of 27 Longnook Road.

Chair Weinstein declared the Public Hearing open.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Warden Jackett explained that Mr. White has been on the Aquaculture Waitlist for a few years. Someone is giving up their grant, allowing an opening in the Aquaculture Development Area. The Shellfish Committee reviewed Mr. White's application and approved it. Mr. White introduced himself and summarized his experience working with Field Point Oyster Farms in Wellfleet. He plans on growing oysters, which he'll be able to bring to market by year three. He gave an overview of each year. Member Reed disclosed that Mr. White was a former employee of Chequessett Chocolate and that did not impact her ability to be unbiased in this decision. Member Rein wished Mr. White the best of luck and hopes to see aquaculture become a viable business in Truro. Chair Weinstein asked for clarification on transfers of aquaculture development grants. Shellfish Constable Jackett laid out the timeline. Colby Blehm stated he's worked with Mr. White and spoke favorably of him. Chair Weinstein closed the Public Hearing.

Member Reed made a motion to transfer the Aquaculture Development Area grants #16-20, totaling five acres, from John Burns to Orion White for a term of two years and expiring on December 31, 2023.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Board/Committee/Commission Appointments

Interview and Appoint Amy Rolnick to the Historical Commission

Amy Rolnick introduced herself. She gave a summary of some historical homes she has renovated, along with her family's history in Truro. Member Reed asked, if selected to serve on the Historical Commission, did Ms. Rolnick have any goals or objectives which interested her the most? Ms. Rolnick is in support of the different surveys and historical designations. She's also interested in the balance between what is needed to restore an older building and the struggle to protect and defend historic elements.

Member Areson made a motion to appoint Amy Rolnick to the Historical Commission as a full member for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2023.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Interview and Appoint Lynn Williamson to the Truro Cultural Council

Lynn Williamson introduced herself and gave a summary of her professional life along with a history of Boards she has served on. Member Reed asked if Ms. Williamson had any specific projects she was excited about (or interested in pursuing) if selected to serve on the Truro Cultural Council. Ms. Williamson is very interested in the Americans with Disabilities Act and making sure that any grants provided are inclusive of the entire population.

Member Reed made a motion to appoint Lynn Williamson to the Truro Cultural Council for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Interview and Appoint Fred Gaechter to the Board of Assessors

Fred Gaechter introduced himself. He's been actively involved with various Boards and Committees in Truro, as well as in New Jersey prior to moving to Truro. He would like to bring his experience to the Board of Assessors. Member Reed asked Mr. Gaechter to speak to any projects or items of interest regarding the Board of Assessors. Mr. Gaechter thinks the primary goal is to treat every taxpayer with fairness and equity. He looks forward to being involved in reviewing abatement applications.

Member Areson made a motion to appoint Fred Gaechter to the Board of Assessors filling an unexpired term which ends on June 30, 2022.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Staff/Committee Updates

Covid-19/Vaccine Updates: Emily Beebe, Health and Conservation Agent

Health Agent Beebe began her update discussing the Johnson & Johnson vaccine pause. The rare side effect of blood clotting has shown up in 6 different women between the ages of 18 and 48.

Approximately 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered, with approximately 181 thousand doses administered in Massachusetts. None of the blood clotting cases have occurred in Massachusetts.

As far as vaccine progress in Barnstable County, as of last Thursday about fifty percent of residents have received at least one dose of a vaccine. Barnstable County Health Department gets about 3500 doses per week from the State. The vaccine is not the only tool in the toolbox. We have to maintain our masking, distancing, testing, and staying home when sick. She also reviewed the difference between a travel order and a travel advisory.

Chair Weinstein asked about the age cutoff to receive the vaccine. Health Agent Beebe provided the minimum age requirements to receive each vaccine.

Shellfish Update: Tony Jackett, Harbor Master/Shellfish Warden

Harbor Master/Shellfish Warden Jackett said that the end of the shell fishing season for soft-shelled clams only has been extended into April. He typically heads up to Dennis in April to put together shell bags which are used to collect an oyster remote set. Those shell bags go into a large tank in Dennis when they are ready. Water temperature is then manipulated to induce oysters to spawn. He picks those up in late June/early July and spreads them in the fall. Shellfish beds will close completely at the end of April and will reopen in November, typically before Thanksgiving.

Board/Committee Report: Charter Review Committee and Finance Committee Chair Robert Panessiti

Charter Review Chair Panessiti introduced himself. He explained that the Town Charter serves as the organizational document for the Town. It's meant to provide a guide to govern. He then explained mechanisms in place to change the Charter. The Charter Review Committee will be holding a public hearing in conjunction with the Pre-Town Meeting. There will be no recommended articles from the Committee to be voted on at this Town Meeting. The Committee was involved in looking at the various Boards/Committees/Commissions and their appointed vs. elected designation. Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Cemetery Commission are the first three they are reviewing. They were a five-person complement and they are now a seven-person complement with one vacancy. Member Reed asked if there was any support the Select Board or Town Manager could provide to the Committee. Charter Review Chair Panessiti appreciates the question. They don't need a whole lot in terms of resources. The Charter is the governing document of the Town. When someone says something that is contrary to the Charter, it would be great if they were corrected. Chair Weinstein noted that there were several petitioned articles before Town Meeting this year and the Select Board will not have the benefit of the Charter Review Committee weighing in. He asked if that were correct. Charter Review Chair

Panessiti stated that the Committee started discussing elected vs. appointed committees back in 2015. With Covid, and some new members, they got stalled in the process. They are creating an electronic survey to go out to chairs. Once responses are received, the Charter Review Committee will compose a recommendation to the Select Board. The Charter Review Committee is reviewing this issue thoughtfully and publicly. The Committee cannot provide feedback on the petitioned articles because they have not been thoughtfully vetted by Committee.

Finance Committee Chair Panessiti discussed the Finance Committee. He feels it's important for people to understand the Finance Committee's role. They are appointed by the Town Moderator, independent of a Select Board appointment, to provide an unbiased, fair opinion on the budget. The budgets the people are seeing have grown for a number of reasons. The year-round population has gone from 35% to 20% and he doesn't think people understand that for every dollar spent in the community, that puts six dollars back in economic stimulus. The fewer people that are in Town the more stress on the economy of Truro and the more dependent we are on property taxes. The message the Finance Committee would like to extend is that you can only do so much about spending. As a community, we need to look at revenue and economic development. A big part of that is keeping people in Truro through rental assistance programs, affordable housing programs, or some market rate rental options. We are a second home haven for wealthy people. You see it in the help wanted ads for local businesses. We need to create a robust year-round community.

Finance Committee Chair Panessiti encouraged people to watch the budget hearings and to come to Finance Committee meetings if they don't understand the budget. Member Reed asked how the Select Board and Staff could help achieve the goals of the Finance Committee. Finance Chair Panessiti stated that as the Select Board meets with all the committees/boards/commissions, there are certain committees that can have an impact. The Community Preservation Committee can put money aside for housing, and the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals can take a look at issues regarding zoning. He thinks the Select Board can ask various committees to work in concert to try to achieve the goals of the Select Board. Finance Committee Chair Panessiti noted that the Finance Committee voted on all of the financial articles, with a couple of exceptions. He highlighted the citizen petitioned article for daycare. The Committee did not vote on it because they wanted more information because a funding source was not yet identified.

Select Board Action

Review and Vote on Town Meeting Articles

Article 4: Amendments to the FY2021 Operating Budget Funded by Free Cash

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 4: Amendments to the FY2021 Operating Budget Funded by Free Cash as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 5: FY2022 Omnibus Budget Appropriation

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 5 FY2022 Omnibus Budget Appropriation as printed in the Warrant.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash

Section 1: To Reduce or Stabilize the FY 2022 Tax Rate

Member Areson stated, for the benefit of the public, we have a larger amount of free cash this year than we typically do, and she'd like Town Manager Tangeman to explain how that came to be. Town Manager Tangeman said that most of the extra amount was due to turn backs due to Covid. He does not expect to see the same amount next year.

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash-Section 1: To Reduce or Stabilize the FY 2022 Tax Rate as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash

Section 2: To the OPEB Trust Fund

Member Reed asked Town Manager Tangeman to speak to the importance of funding the OPEB Trust Fund and if we reallocate funds and don't pay back OPEB how that could impact the larger budget. Town Manager Tangeman stated that it is one of the liabilities that ties to the Town's municipal bond rating and gives us favorable bond ratings when it's time to seek debt for different projects. The better funded we are with our OPEB Trust, the better off the Town will be when it comes to that rating. One thing the Town can do to improve this is to move the \$400,000 into the budget as a line item vs. a free cash transfer in future years.

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash-Section 2: To the OPEB Trust Fund as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash
Section 3: To the Capital Expense Stabilization Fund

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash-Section 3: To the Capital Expense Stabilization Fund as printed in the Warrant.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash
Section 4: To the Stabilization Fund

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash-Section 4: To the Stabilization Fund as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash
Section 5: To Purchase Heavy-Duty Tractor Truck Replacement

DPW Director Jarrod Cabral gave a presentation on the heavy-duty tractor truck request. It is a \$170,000 request originally requested for FY21. The Town Meeting article was postponed after failing at the Annual Town Election ballot. Finance Chair Panessiti wished to talk about the split vote from the Finance Committee of 3-2-0 on this section. He stated that three out of five people agreed with DPW Director Cabral's assessment. Of the two votes in opposition, one vote did not oppose in spirit but opposed because they felt the funds could be better utilized elsewhere in this fiscal year. The other person that voted in opposition spoke to someone in the DPW and did not speak to DPW Director Cabral or Town Manager Tangeman about their concerns. Member Areson added that the passive/negative voter also felt that the cost of the truck should be borne by the people who use the landfill, perhaps through increased fees at the landfill.

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash-Section 5: To Purchase Heavy-Duty Tractor Truck Replacement as printed in the Warrant.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash

Section 6: To Repair/Replace Windows, Shingles, Siding, and Trim at Truro Central School

Superintendent Gradone stated the School originally submitted a Capital plan in the same format that the School Department has done for the past several years, with the work broken up over a few years. DPW Director Cabral suggested completing the project in one year because the building is approaching thirty years old, and they increasingly see signs of deterioration.

Member Areson made a motion to recommend Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash-Section 6: To Repair/Replace Windows, Shingles, Siding, and Trim at Truro Central School as printed in the Warrant.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash

Section 7: To General Fund Reserve Fund

Town Manager Tangeman explained this section. There was a vote of 4-1-0 from the Finance Committee. Finance Chair Panessiti explained that the one vote against he believes was because the person does not appreciate the level of sensitivity that the budget experiences every year.

Member Reed made a motion to recommend Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash-Section 7: To General Fund Reserve Fund as printed in the Warrant.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Article 9: Fund a Childcare Voucher Program-Petitioned Article

Town Manager Tangeman expressed his concern about the lack of a funding mechanism for this article. If this were to be a raise and appropriate article, it would need to be brought to a vote at a Town election. The other possibility would be to find a variant within the budget to transfer from available funds.

Raphael Richter wished to address some of the questions about the article. He thinks most people on the call and who vote at Town Meeting know that we have a broken economy. It is very hard to live in Truro. This article is not written to institute a permanent program, but to initiate a pilot program for potential future success and expansion. Mr. Richter summarized some of the concerns and offered

explanations. He's asked several leaders to carve out available funds for this but has not received any help. This has been on the table for a couple of months but there is no solution presented here other than to let the petitioner figure it out. It's not uncommon, per Mr. Richter, to put forth a petition without yet knowing the source of the funding. His intent is to ask that it be funded from free cash, if available. If all available free cash has been allotted, then he will seek to raise and appropriate via a Proposition 2 1/2 override at Town Meeting.

Chair Panessiti explained the reasons why the Finance Committee passed on voting on this article, including questions about how the program would be administered and are there hidden costs associated with this program, as well as questions about the funding source.

He noted that the Select Board would need to look at the date of the Annual Town Election to give people the opportunity to vote this at Town Meeting and on a ballot.

Member Areson stated that when this came up a year ago she asked Mr. Raphael if it would be needs-based. At that time, she believes he stated that it would not be. She does believe there should be some income-based requirements. It is a very important service to provide and she sympathizes with the families concerning the current availability of the pre-school program. She would like to hear from the Superintendent, Principal, and School Committee members as to what is going on with the pre-K program. Chair Weinstein said it was very informative when this came up for discussion at the last School Committee meeting. He was led to understand by members of the School Committee that there was an issue regarding the scarcity of space.

Superintendent Gradone stated that Chair Weinstein gave a very accurate recount of the meeting. Not only have they given substantial thought over this for the past couple of years, but they are continuing to do so. Scarcity of space is an issue. Because of Covid, social distancing requirements the pre-school program this year had to expand to a second classroom. If they were to increase the enrollment they would need a third classroom. They are still trying to figure out how that can work. There is also the budget impact. Back in October he prepared and presented to the School Committee a level service budget. They have already moved two of their programs out of the space they previously used. If they increase the size of the program to include all three-year-old children next year, they would require a third room. Chair Weinstein recalled a creative suggestion posed at the last School Committee meeting to use the Community Center for possible space.

Ms. Costigan, from the Truro Central School, stated they are trying to think outside the box. She recently checked out the Community Center and is also checking out options within the School. They hope to inform parents very soon regarding placement for next year.

Chair Weinstein asked Mr. Richter if part of the \$150,000 would be used for the administration. Mr. Richter stated that the thinking was to have enough funds for 20 families, but it has been expressed quite clearly by Town staff that there would not be enough capacity to administer the program. He feels that is why the Select Board is the perfect entity to either challenge staff or to put out a Request for Proposals to find a firm to run the program. He appreciates that the School was invited but wants to emphasize that it has become clearer that this program should stand alone and be separate from the School. Mr. Richter feels it would be appropriate for Chair Weinstein to explore if there is free cash available. Mr. Richter strongly encourages support of funding through free cash.

Member Areson feels she does not have enough information to make an educated vote. She would like to know what the need is and she would like to see Truro's pre-school program accommodate all of Truro's three- and four-year-old children. She also thinks that if this program were approved, an administrator should be hired because she does not think the Town staff should be reviewing people's finances. She does not have a problem with changing the election day but would like to hear about the possibility of money from elsewhere in the budget.

Member Reed stated they do have a precedent of not voting on these Articles until they have heard from the Finance Committee in an official capacity. She then asked if there were children that were

being served in the current program that are not Truro children from taxpaying parents. Superintendent Gradone said that the current preschool program has served children of School staff for a long time. A year ago, the School Committee amended the policy to expand that same availability to the children of employees in other Town Departments.

Chair Panessiti noted that as Chair of the Finance Committee, he is not comfortable making a decision based on whether or not we have free cash available. That is an operational question. If the Finance Committee is going to consider this, he would like a recommendation from the Town Manager or the Town Accountant as to how this is best funded. He also asked if language should be added to say, "*pay the cost of funding and administering*"? Town Manager Tangeman stated that Town Counsel indicated that the language would allow for the administration of the program to be paid out of the \$150,000. Town Manager Tangeman reminded the group that about three or four weeks ago the Finance Committee recommended, and the Select Board voted, to approve their policy for free cash and reserves. In terms of the levels of those, as a best practice, it's recommended to only spend up to 85% of free cash and leave 15% as a base for the following year. That leaves around \$400,000 as a base for the following year in terms of free cash. The Select Board would need to decide to violate the policy they just approved to use more free cash than has been recommended. The other option is to raise and appropriate, but that would not allow for a one-year pilot program.

Member Areson asked whether the other communities (Wellfleet and Provincetown) are providing the service for two-year-old children as well? Town Manager Tangeman believes Provincetown is the only town offering the service for that age group.

Finance Committee Chair Panessiti's preference would be to raise and appropriate. If it raises the tax levy, that is a much more definitive statement by the people in the Town that this is something they want. It would then go into the operating budget for the next fiscal year.

Member Reed recommended tabling this item until their next meeting to work with the petitioner to figure out the funding source. Town Manager Tangeman noted that to do that, there would need to be a decision tonight on whether or not the Select Board wants to take this to an election. Assistant Town Manager Clark added that they could avoid making a decision tonight as to the funding so long as they are definitely postponing the election. They would need to make a decision about its inclusion on a ballot fairly quickly.

Member Reed asked Mr. Richter if he were willing to work with the Select Board on trying to amend the language to look for a raise and appropriate option. Mr. Richter agreed.

Member Rein would love to learn how Provincetown and Wellfleet are paying for their program.

Chair Weinstein stated that it seems clear that they could arrive at an agreed upon solution which will place this item as a ballot question, which would give it a certain longevity. His worry is that if this should fail as a ballot question then it leaves the families that would want to utilize this unfulfilled. It doesn't sound like the School is going to be a viable option (especially for next year). He would like to come away from this meeting with the ability to continue the conversation.

Joan Holt has mixed feelings about this. She is in favor of some kind of program for children. She is not certain that a day care program is necessarily the right option for the children. She would be in favor of extending the educational opportunities to children below the age of four and going down to age two. She would vote for Article 9 if it were going to be run by the School Department.

A discussion was held regarding Article 6: Transfer of Funds from Free Cash-Section 1: To Reduce or Stabilize the FY 2022 Tax Rate. Right now, it's at \$900,000. If the Select Board were to modify or amend that figure to \$750,000 the program could be funded for one year. Town Accountant Brazil stated that right now they have a budget which is balanced, using \$900,000 to offset or stabilize the tax rate. Reducing the \$900,000 figure would result in an unbalanced figure.

Once Town Accountant Brazil explained further, Chair Panessiti asked for confirmation that his suggestion was not a viable option. Town Accountant Brazil clarified that it is only viable if an override is approved.

Chair Weinstein would like to forestall a decision on this item, knowing that they are going to address the election date in a subsequent agenda item. Member Areson would be in favor of postponing the election and she'd like to take a look at moving the rest of tonight's meeting to another night or doing only what is absolutely necessary due to the fact that they have been sitting through this meeting for almost four hours. Member Reed is in agreement but added that if there is consensus she can hang on and move through the other agenda items. Member Rein concurs with her colleagues.

It was agreed upon to move forward to discuss the possible change to the Annual Town Election date.

Discussion and Possible Vote to Change Annual Town Election Date

Member Reed recused herself from this discussion and vote.

Chair Weinstein would be happy to move the election date to June 29, 2021.

Member Areson made a motion to postpone the May 11, 2021 Annual Town Election to Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 3-0-1 (Member Reed abstained), motion carries.

Member Reed rejoined the meeting.

Dedication of a Proclamation to Truro Police Department Retiring Employee

Member Rein read the Proclamation to Truro Police Department retiring employee Jacquelyne Mastrianna.

Member Reed made a motion to approve and sign the proclamation for Jacquelyne "Jackie" Mastrianna for her 40 years of dedicated service to the Truro Police Department.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

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

Consent Agenda

Chair Weinstein wished to discuss the use of the outdoor seating area for the Avenue D request. The Select Board, under the Special Order from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding Covid 19, can permit such use. One of the conditions would be that after Order #35 is rescinded, the use of that outdoor space would no longer be permitted. Town Manager Tangeman added that the applicant

would need to seek approval from the Planning Board should they wish to continue using the space after the Order is rescinded.

Member Areson stated that they did approve outdoor seating last year because of Covid, with the stipulation noted by Town Manager Tangeman in their motion. She has heard from a number of people with concerns about the use of the outdoor patio. She saw some of those people had joined the meeting and thought they should be given the opportunity to weigh in.

Member Reed stated that she would recuse herself from any discussion and votes related to Avenue D (specifically Consent Agenda items B, E, and F).

Town Manager Tangeman said that the Select Board does have the authority, under that emergency authority, to make this approval.

Susan Kurtzman identified herself as a direct abutter. She is unclear about how this action was allowable as on April 3, 2019 there was a notice of action by the Planning Board and Board of Health saying that the outdoor space could not be used. Member Areson explained that the Covid Order was signed last year. Ms. Kurtzman continued to express her concerns.

Town Planner and Land Use Counsel Carboni noted that the decision was made at the State level that outdoor spaces could be allowed for food service, including alcohol service, for the duration of the State of Emergency.

Ms. Kurtzman noted that no abutters were notified of this. Member Areson stated that it was publicized last year when the Select Board approved it. Nobody came and spoke against it. Chair Weinstein explained that the public has access to the agenda items that this Board deals with. Member Rein wants abutters to understand that during the pandemic, the Select Board was trying to help any business by giving them the opportunity to come forward and ask for outdoor seating. Town Manager Tangeman reiterated that the conditions for the State of Emergency still exist. Businesses in the community still have to deal with the social distancing requirement and the only way to allow a successful opening of this business is to be able to move customers out onto the deck. He added that under the current Executive Order there is no requirement to hear from abutters.

Member Rein would like to recuse herself from the vote regarding the prom at the Truro Vineyards. Her daughter is a potential attendee.

Member Areson had a question on the CDP Housing Rehab item. The Select Board received documentation on the Request for Proposals. Bailey Boyd is suggesting that the Select Board award the contract to CDP. They came in at \$19,000 more than the other bidder. She would like to hear more of an explanation as to why they are recommending the higher bidder. She also has a couple of corrections on the minutes. Chair Weinstein noted that the competing bidder has no experience in administering the programs that this would address. Also, they could not comply with the requirements about how their bid was tendered. Town Manager Tangeman confirmed that the bidder was disqualified due to the non-compliance. He spoke with Bailey Boyd to ensure that the bidder that was not chosen understood how to submit their bid next year to be qualified.

Energy Committee Chair Brian Boyle wished to speak to Consent Agenda Item H. *Review and Authorize the Chair to Sign Membership Application for the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc.* The cost to join is a one-time \$25 fee. The Town will benefit from the expertise of Cape Light Compact with no risk. It would be a benefit to the Energy Committee as well.

Member Areson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the recusals noted by Members Reed and Rein and the corrections in the minutes.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Areson-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

Member Rein-recused herself from Consent Agenda Item C

Member Reed-recused herself from Consent Agenda Items B, E, and F

Chair Weinstein stated that with both recusals noted he asked for Member Reed and Rein's votes.

Member Reed-Aye

Member Rein-Aye

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

Select Board Reports/Comments

It was agreed upon to postpone comments to the next meeting.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Tangeman wished to congratulate Jaquelyne Mastrianna on her 40-year career with the Town. He thinks it is important to recognize her and he appreciates the Select Board approving the Proclamation.

Next Meeting Agenda: April 27, 2021

Town Manager Tangeman stated that they would move the items they did not get to today over to the April 27, 2021 agenda. Assistant Town Manager Clark mentioned that they had a vacancy on the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates. The Select Board will be interviewing and appointing a person at their next meeting. She continued to summarize the rest of the agenda.

Member Areson wants to schedule a work session to discuss Boards and Committees. She would like that to be a meeting unto itself with nothing else attached.

Member Reed made a motion to adjourn at 9:16pm

Member Areson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

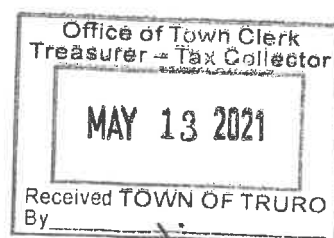
So voted; 4-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle L. Scoullar
Noelle L. Scoullar, Executive Assistant

Darrin K. Tangeman

Town Manager, Darrin Tangeman



Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

Public Records material of 04/13/2021

1. Application to Serve-Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates
2. Notice from Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates regarding resignation
3. Draft Warrant
4. Memorandum from Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee regarding Commercial shellfish permitting
5. Town of Truro-Regulations for the Taking of Shellfish, Sea Worms, Eels and Crabs
6. Draft letter to Barnstable County Commissioners regarding APCC proposal from Truro Board of Health
7. Letter to Barnstable County Commissioners regarding Truro Select Board support of the APCC proposal
8. One Day Entertainment Application and Public Entertainment on a Sunday State Application for Captain's Choice
9. Renewal Applications for 2021 for Jules Besch Stationers, Cape Cod Treasure Chest, Accent on Design, Adventure Bound Camping Resort at Horton's, Blackfish Restaurant, Terra Luna Restaurant, Highland Links Golf Course
10. Memorandum from Alice Boyd, Grant Administrator, regarding Housing Rehab Loan Subordination
11. Select Board Meeting Minutes of 3.16.2021

