

Select Board Meeting Minutes of 1.25.2022 meeting
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Select Board Members Present: Chair-Robert Weinstein, Vice Chair-Kristen Reed, Clerk-Susan Areson, Member-Stephanie Rein, Member-John Dundas

Others Present: Town Manager-Darrin Tangeman, Assistant Town Manager-Kelly Clark, DPW Director-Jarrold Cabral, Fire Chief-Tim Collins, Eversource Right of Way Agent-Marissa Jackson, Carol Bishop, Charter Review Committee Chair-Brian Boyle, Charter Review Committee Vice Chair-Nancy Medoff, Charter Review Committee Member-Meg Royka, Charter Review Committee Member-Cheryl Best, Charter Review Committee Member-William Golden, Charter Review Committee Member-Robert Panessiti, Charter Review Committee Member-Chris Lucy, Daniel Silva, Pamet Harbor Commission Chair-Tim Silva, Shellfish Advisory Committee Chair-Dan Smith, Shellfish Advisory Committee Vice Chair-Gary Sharpless

Chair Weinstein called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Public Comment-None

Public Hearing-Pole Hearing Eversource-Old County Road (Eagle Neck Creek Project).
Ms. Jackson explained that Eversource received a request to accommodate some construction along Old County Road. In order to accommodate that, they need to move some infrastructure (relocate an existing pole and install a new pole). DPW Director Cabral walked the Select Board through the work being done.

Member Rein made a motion to approve the removal and replacement of two poles and raise aerial cables, terminals and associated facilities at 0 Old County Road.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Board/Committee/Commission Appointments

Interview and Appoint: Carol Bishop-Council on Aging Board

Ms. Bishop introduced herself. Member Reed asked if Ms. Bishop would like to share any ideas she had regarding programs for the Council on Aging. Ms. Bishop noted that the luncheons are not well attended any more. She wonders if it has something to do with the cost and thought perhaps there were grants that could help. Another idea she has is to pair school children with the seniors for activities.

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Member Areson made a motion to appoint Carol Bishop to a three-year term on the Council on Aging Board which expires June 30, 2025.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Interview and Appoint: Daniel Silva-Economic Development Committee

Mr. Lucy let the Chair know that Mr. Silva was attempting to log onto the meeting. He asked if his interview could be postponed for a couple of topics while he tried to log in. Chair Weinstein agreed to move to the next item and wait for Mr. Silva to appear.

Staff/Committee Updates

Charter Review Committee: Discussion of Votes from 11.22.2021 Meeting Deliberations on Planning Board Elected vs. Appointed and Term Limits of 3 vs. 5 years.

Chair Weinstein asked Chair Boyle to summarize what occurred at the 11.22.2021 meeting.

Chair Boyle called a meeting of the Charter Review Committee to order at 5:24pm. He took a roll call vote to begin.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Best-Aye

Member Royka-Aye

Member Lucy-Aye

Member Medoff-Aye

Member Panessiti-Aye

Member Golden-Aye

Chair Boyle-Aye

So voted; 7-0-0, motion carries.

Member Best thinks there is a lot of misunderstanding around the motion regarding the Planning Board. She prepared a statement which she'd like to read. Both Chairs, Weinstein and Boyle, agreed to Ms. Best reading her statement, which she proceeded to do. Chair Weinstein maintains that the Charter Review Committee has not fulfilled the obligations of the Charge. He asked that going forward a public hearing be held to gather opinions from the public. Member Panessiti has been involved in Truro politics for over 20 years and has never been as personally attacked as he's been in this committee for the past year. He went on to explain that remark. A discussion was had between Charter Review Committee members and the Select Board.

Member Best made a motion to adjourn the Charter Review Committee meeting at 6:22pm.

Member Medoff seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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Member Best-Aye
Member Medoff-Aye
Member Panessiti-Aye
Member Golden-Aye
Member Lucy-Aye
Member Royka-Aye
Chair Boyle-Aye
So voted; 7-0-0, motion carries.

Interview and Appoint: Daniel Silva-Economic Development Committee

Mr. Silva introduced himself and spoke about his interest in joining the Committee. Member Reed wished to state that Chequessett Chocolate has two bays in both Tradesman Park North and South, but because this is an advisory committee and does not impact her financially she is comfortable voting but wanted to share her disclaimer. Member Areson asked if he was up to date on what the Committee was doing because they are starting a series of forums. Mr. Silva stated it was brought to his attention. Chair Panessiti fully supports Mr. Silva's application to serve, and he stated he had brought him up to speed on what is expected.

Member Reed made a motion to appoint Daniel Silva to an unexpired term which expires June 30, 2023.

Member Rein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye
Member Areson-Aye
Member Reed-Aye
Member Dundas-Aye
Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

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Staff/Committee Updates

Board/Committee Report: Pamet Harbor Commission-Chair, Tim Silva

Chair, Tim Silva, introduced himself to the Board. He has been the Chair of the Pamet Harbor Commission for 24 years. The Commission has finally started meeting again. Goals for the Commission are the following:

- Look at the North jetty to try to extend to the North more to protect the Harbor and the Bay from erosion.
- Working to get the environmental window changed to allow for earlier dredging.
- A new committee member is exploring grants to help offset some of the dredging costs to the Town.

Member Reed asked if the Select Board could be more helpful in fulfilling any of the goals or challenges the Commission is experiencing. Chair Silva stated that once he is able to speak with Assistant Town Manager Clark, who is out on maternity leave, he'd be happy to come back and express any ways the Board could help.

Tabled Items-None

Select Board Action

Discussion and Approval of Updates of Pamet Harbor Commission and Shellfish Advisory Committee Charges.

Town Manager Tangeman read over the Charge of the Pamet Harbor Commission. Chair Weinstein offered what he thought would be an improvement on the language for item #1 in their Charge. Chair Silva likes the change in wording and feels that the rest of the Charge is in order.

Chair of the Shellfish Advisory Committee, Dan Smith, would like to work more closely with the Pamet Harbor Commission on issues such as water quality. Vice Chair of the Shellfish Advisory Committee, Gary Sharpless, had some minor edits. Chair Weinstein had a suggestion regarding when the Shellfish Advisory Committee should give an update to the Select Board. Chair Smith added his suggestions and all parties agreed mutually.

Member Reed made a motion to adopt the new charges as presented for the Pamet Harbor Commission and the Shellfish Advisory Committee with the approved amended changes.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

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Review and Approval of Applying for SAFER Grant

Chief Collins is seeking approval to write a SAFER Grant. SAFER stands for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response. He gave an update to the public on how the fire department is staffing now and the operational challenges they are facing. He then proceeded to go over the grant objectives and federal award information. Member Reed inquired what would happen after 3 years of funding if he were to receive the grant. Chief Collins stated that he would lobby strongly against not hiring the staff back, however there is no language that states the Town has to do so. Town Manager Tangeman interjected to state that we do not have enough staff to maintain operations. Member Areson asked if there would be enough applicants (dependent on us receiving the grant) and what the deadline for using the grant money would be if we cannot fill the positions. Chief Collins explained that there is a period of performance, and we would have to accomplish that within the period of performance window which does account for hiring and training. He also stated that finding firefighter-trained paramedics and trained firefighters is very difficult because of the closing of the Barnstable Fire Academy and Covid. This grant would allow us to expand out our applicant pool and potentially hire people who are just paramedics who would go right to the fire academy. Chair of the Finance Committee, Robert Panessiti, joined in and said that the Finance Committee did support the staffing increase that was brought to Town Meeting in 2020 initially and then 2021.

Member Rein made a motion to approve application by the Town of Truro for the Fiscal Year 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Review and Approval of Policy 66: Town of Truro Public Communications Policy

Chair Weinstein would first like to focus on the body of the policy. Member Reed would prefer correction option #1 and is ready to support the policy with that option. Member Rein is in agreement with Member Reed. Member Dundas opposes the document unless they strike the word "misinformation" from the corrections and use a different term. Chair Weinstein offered a variation and asked if that was amenable. Member Areson also offered a substitution. Member Dundas agreed. Discussion was held regarding how to handle publishing corrections for mistakes printed.

Member Reed made a motion to adopt Policy 66: Town of Truro Public Communications Policy and to electronically sign; including Member Dundas' amended suggestion (to strike the word, *misinformation*, and instead substitute, *inaccurate information*), Member Areson's language that has been agreed on by the majority of the Board (striking the word, *utilizing*, under II-Policy, second paragraph, and instead using the word, *using*), and the suggested change from Town Manager Tangeman regarding striking the word *rare*, and where Member Areson's suggestions related to Corrections-Option #2 should go (move last sentence of Corrections-Option #2 to Corrections-Option #1).

Member Dundas seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

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Set Open and Closing Dates for 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Discussion on Potential Location and Date Postponement of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Town Manager Tangeman stated that right now, in accordance with the Town Charter, the Warrant should be open for submission of articles 90 days before the date of Town Meeting and shall remain open for 30 days. There is a discussion amongst Town Managers around delaying their Town Meetings because of Omicron and the increase of cases. A decision on a

date does not have to be made today on a delay for Town Meeting but it's something that should be in the back of everyone's mind. If that is the case, we may have to consider holding Town Meeting outside which would entail looking at a date which would have conducive weather. Discussion was held regarding preference of holding an outdoor Town Meeting vs. indoor, and also to be cognizant of any important dates which a Town Meeting may be in conflict with. Chair Weinstein would like to have a motion regarding the opening and closing of the Warrant and postpone any vote on an Annual Town Meeting for a further meeting.

Member Areson made a motion to open the Warrant for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting on January 26, 2022 at 8:00 AM and to close the Warrant for money articles on February 4, 2022 and for petitioned articles on February 25, 2022.

Member Reed seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Review and Approve Dedication and Theme of the 2021 Annual Town Report

Town Manager Tangeman stated that the recommendation for this year's theme be "Planning for Truro's Future".

Member Reed made a motion to table this item and bring back on a future agenda.

Member Areson seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

Member Reed-Aye

Chair Weinstein-Aye

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Consent Agenda

Town Manager Tangeman noted that the estimate for temporary increased population should be 16,526.

Member Reed made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed.

Member Dundas seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Rein-Aye

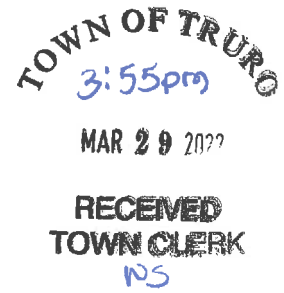
Member Areson-Aye

Member Dundas-Aye

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Member Reed-Aye
Chair Weinstein-Aye
So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Select Board Reports/Comments

Member Dundas thanked the DPW team for providing support for a funeral that had to occur on Friday, right after a storm. The Cemetery Commission and the DPW worked together and were able to get access for the family to bury their loved one. He had a conversation with the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board and discussed how they are testing for Covid. He will attend a School Committee meeting this week and will report back on that.

Member Rein spoke about the passing of Anders Grimm.

Member Areson reminded people about the public hearing on February 1, 2022, at 5:00pm for the CPC. The CPC will be hearing from applicants for grant monies and then will be making a vote on which applicants get a certain amount of money. Secondly, the Historical Commission has received a grant for the Truro Historic Self-Guided Tour booklet. This was published a couple years ago. They are hoping to receive enough money to publish 5,000 copies this time around.

Member Reed stated that during last night's Charter Review Committee meeting an agenda item regarding having the school be involved in the Budget Task Force process came up. The Committee asked for guidance from the Select Board. Member Reed explained the process and asked that the topic be on a future agenda for clarification on that process along with gender neutral language that is being worked on with Town Counsel.

Chair Weinstein attended a meeting of the Planning Board regarding a couple mandatory site plan reviews in the Seashore. He also attended the Charter Review Committee meeting.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Tangeman participated in the Economic Development Committee engagement meeting and is pleased with the feedback received from the sector of agriculture and charter fishing. He's looking forward to future meetings. He encouraged citizens to take the Truro Community Survey to inform Local Comprehensive Plan, Walsh Property Community Planning Committee efforts, and Housing Authority efforts. The Compensation and Classification Study kicked off last week and we're in the midst of engaging employees on the questionnaires that are to be filled out. Union stewards have been informed of the study. The EMS study has also started and is in the process of data collection. By this Friday, he should have the study regarding the feasibility of the homes on the Walsh property. He concluded his report, stating the Town is seeking CPC funds for digitization.

Next Meeting Agenda: Regular Meeting-February 8, 2022

Town Manager Tangeman went over the draft agenda.

Member Reed noted that the Charter Review Committee won't be having another meeting until the end of February (they are on this agenda to discuss proposed recommendations to Truro Charter). If Charter Review hasn't had a hearing regarding their proposed recommendations, should they be given the opportunity to move up their date to discuss said


proposed recommendations? Charter Review Committee member Panessiti stated that last year they held their public hearing in conjunction with Candidate's Night. This year, the Committee has agreed that perhaps they should have two hearings; the first being in the Spring as part of the Pre-Town Meeting, and the second being in the Fall to align with people on what they may be thinking about the Charter.

Member Reed made a motion to adjourn at 8:24pm.

Member Areson seconded.

So voted; 5-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,


Noelle L. Scoullar


Darrin K. Tangeman, Town Manager

Under the Authority of the Truro Select Board

Public Records material of 01.25.2022

1. Eversource Engineering details/map/Petition/Public Hearing Advertisement
2. Application to Serve-Carol Bishop and COA Chair's endorsement
3. Application to Serve-Daniel Silva
4. Shellfish Advisory Committee Charge/Revised Charge/Edits from Committee
5. Pamet Harbor Additional Charge to the Pamet Harbor Commission/1998 ATM Article 20:
Revised Pamet Harbor Commission Charge/Pamet Harbor Commission Revised
Charge/S. Areson Pamet Harbor Commission Charge
6. Pgs. 3, 4 & 7 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
7. Revised Draft Policy 66: Town of Truro Public Communications Policy
8. Application to Serve-Eric Morea and Pamet Harbor Commission Chair's endorsement
9. Estimate of the Temporary Increase Population ABCC Form for 2021 and 2022
10. Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes of 12.14.2021
11. Budget Task Force Meeting Minutes of 01.10.2022

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