

**Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Truro Public Safety Facility  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

**Members Present:** Chair Paul Wisotzky; Maureen Burgess, Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein  
**Regrets:** Janet Worthington

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Richard Wood, Roberta Lema, Dennis Clark

**Present:** Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Sullivan-Clark; Town Accountant Trudi Brazil; DPW Director Jarrod Cabral; Fire Chief Timothy Collins

Chair Paul Wisotzky called the Board of Selectmen work session meeting to order, and Richard Wood convened the Finance Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**Fiscal Year 2019 Budget**

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer said she expected the Fiscal Year Budget to be reduced further than what appears on the recap sheets. She discussed the revised Informational Technology (IT) budget and the sources of funds for the proposed changes. Ms. Palmer and Richard Wood outlined the advantages of converting to a new GIS system. Ms. Palmer explained changes proposed for the Fire Department budget. Fire Chief Timothy Collins described the benefits of sending personnel to the 10-week Fire Academy training sessions in Stowe. Ms. Palmer said there will be conditions added for a three-year retention of firefighters trained at the Academy.

Ms. Palmer and Trudi Brazil discussed COLA increases for union members; Transfer Station fees; Library; Workers Comp; and Health Insurance. The Town Manager said she and the Town Accountant will continue to work on the Budget and formally present it to the Board of Selectmen. Richard Wood discussed the potential increase in revenue at the Pamet Harbor. Ms. Palmer discussed: use of Free Cash for OPEB, transfers in and out of the Stabilization Fund, transfer of money to the Affordable Housing Trust, the septic system at the Beach Office, and money to offset the tax rate. She also explained the high line for legal counsel.

Rae Ann Palmer made recommendations for the Capital Improvement Budget. She discussed remediation of the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station. The Library and Swap Shop would appear in the Warrant as separate Articles, she said. Ms. Palmer reviewed more items in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), including: roads, building maintenance, a new dump trailer. She said they are still working on environmental projects. Ms. Palmer and Trudi Brazil discussed the importance of maintaining Town assets.

Richard Wood adjourned the Finance Committee meeting at 5:55 p.m.

**Community Conversation**

Paul Wisotzky explained the concept of holding small group meetings for conversations on matters of concern to townspeople. Rae Ann Palmer distributed some possible conversation starter topics. Maureen Burgess said she has neighbors who expressed interest in attending small meetings for this purpose. Trudi Brazil said she had heard positive feedback on brainstorming meetings. Paul Wisotzky said he favors trying out some community meetings. Rae Ann Palmer will collect suggestions for topics.

**South Hollow Rd.**

Rae Ann Palmer said the Commonwealth will be discontinuing the section of South Hollow Rd. between Rte. 6 and Shore Rd. She has prepared a Warrant Article about for Town Meeting about its future use. DPW Director Jarrod Cabral discussed parking spaces that could be created in the space. He said 66 parking spaces could be fit into the area. The Town would make it clear that this was parking for the public, rather than just one business. Ms. Palmer asked about setting up a pay parking lot using license recognition to regulate its use.

**Adjournment**

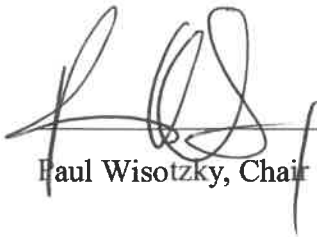
Jay Coburn moved to adjourn. Maureen Burgess seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

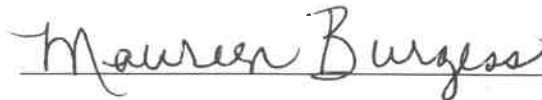
Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers, Secretary



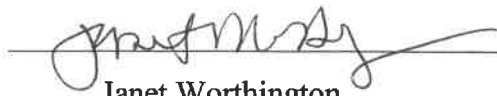
Paul Wisotzky, Chair



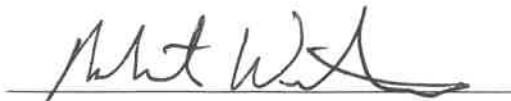
Maureen Burgess Vice-Chair



Jay Coburn



Janet Worthington



Robert Weinstein, Clerk

**Public Records Material of 2/20/18**

1. Draft FY19 Budget
2. Community Conversation Questions/Discussion Starters worksheet
3. Map of South Hollow Rd. between Rte. 6 and Shore Rd.

