

**Pre-Town Meeting
Truro Community Center
April 11, 2016**

Present: Town Moderator Monica Kraft; Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer; Acting Assistant Town Administrator/Town Accountant Trudi Brazil; Town Clerk Cynthia Slade

Board of Selectmen Present: Paul Wisotzky, Chair; Maureen Burgess, Jay Coburn, Robert Weinstein, Janet Worthington

Finance Committee Present:

Robert Panessiti, Chair; Dennis Clark, Richard Wood

Town Moderator Monica Kraft called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Candidates for Housing Authority

Carl Brotman and Susan Todd, the Housing Authority candidates, gave their presentations first. Carl Brotman stated his interest in continuing with the Housing Authority and explained the purpose of the CPA Article 8-5, Funding for a Regional Housing Consultant. Susan Todd, who is also running for reelection to the Housing Authority for a 4-year term, related her interest in Affordable Housing.

Finance Committee Budget Hearing

Robert Panessiti, Chair, along with Dennis Clark, Richard Wood, members of the Finance Committee made the presentation on Budget. This included a summary of their message in the Warrant: employee benefits fund contribution for FY17; Homeland Security items such as up-to-date radios; wages and salaries; fees and revenues; a Proposition 2 ½ override; Fire Department expansion; certification of Free Cash; anticipated Capital projects. Mr. Panessiti said that the Finance Committee supported the Proposition 2 ½ override for additional full-time staff for the Fire Department. He explained the challenge of approving the School Budget in April. Dennis Clark commented on the work of the Budget Task Force.

From the audience, Joan Holt questioned the ability of townspeople to pay taxes. Town Clerk Cynthia Slade responded that there is a rise in delinquencies. Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer also addressed the question. Jay Vivien asked about the decrease in OPEB (Other Post- Employment Benefits). Mr. Panessiti said the Town is putting money into the fund every year in order to manage the expense and following state guidelines. Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer and DPW Director Jay Norton explained planned changes at the Transfer Station that entailed one-stream recycling and staff restructuring. Jay Norton answered a question about a Standards Division review the scales at the Transfer Station. Bill Worthington asked for a continuation of the returnable cans and bottles system.

Candidates (Cont.)

Board of Selectmen

Three candidates for Selectmen came forward to make their presentations. Paul Kiernan gave his background and experience on Town boards. Current member of the Board of Selectmen Robert Weinstein explained his interest in continuing on the Board. He enumerated the many boards and committees that he has served on and chaired. He explained Town goals that he has helped shape and changes that have been made and are being planned. He noted his almost perfect attendance at BOS meetings. Board of Selectmen Chair Paul Wisotzky stated his interest in continuing on the Board. He expressed his commitment to serving the public and finding best solutions for the community. Mr.

Wisotzky reiterated Robert Weinstein's commendation of Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer. He discussed projects that were underway, communications with other boards, the study of fees and staff support.

School Committee

School Committee candidate Thomas "Tim" Dickey came forward to present his wish to continue on the Committee.

Cemetery Commission

Henry "Hank" Janowski offered his interest in filling the vacancy on the Cemetery Commission.

Planning Board

Peter Herridge introduced himself and explained his interest in continuing on the Planning Board for a 5-year term.

General Discussion of Warrant Articles

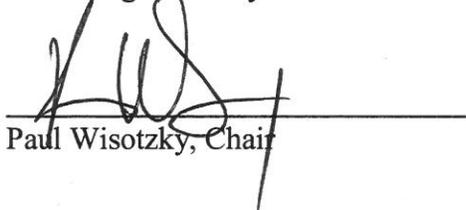
Other than one general observation on the arrival date of the Warrant, there were no questions about specific Articles.

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

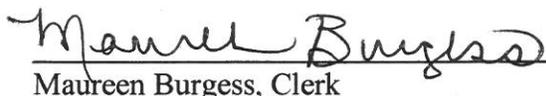
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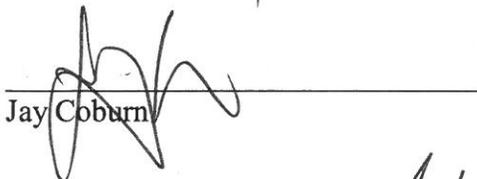
Mary Rogers
Recording Secretary



Paul Wisotzky, Chair



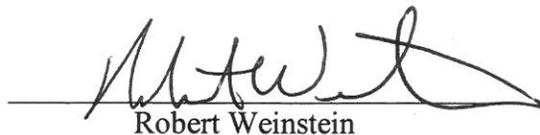
Maureen Burgess, Clerk



Jay Coburn



Janet Worthington, Vice-chair



Robert Weinstein