

## Letter to the Editor

September 6, 2024

Dear Editor,

RE: August 13th Select Board Meeting/Robert Weinstein

I was present by Zoom at the August 13th Select Board meeting. I've watched the entire video of that meeting to confirm my first reactions. John Marksbury was interviewed for a position on the Open Space Committee\*. He was attacked, directly and personally, by Select Board Vice-Chair Robert Weinstein.

To my knowledge there has been no public denunciation of the crude behavior of the senior Selectman.

Mr. Weinstein maligned the character of the applicant, painting him as the villain in the successful community effort to save our historic Town Hall. My husband and I served on that task force, along with many other civic-minded Truro residents. Marksbury's role was supportive, but not critical -- one among many.

I was shocked, as were many, by the slurs on John's character and his reputation.

Weinstein's hostile rant about Town Hall, mansions in the Seashore, and especially his fury about John's references to the Seashore as a "park," all are markers of a man used to exercising unilateral power, and testing the boundaries of what he can get away with given the new composition of the Select Board.

In my opinion he should have been called out immediately. As he was not, I ask that some effort be made to extract an apology to John from him, and failing that, from the Select Board as a whole.

I recognize that some deference is given to Weinstein as the elder member of the Board, but this was a bridge too far.

With the new composition of the Board we all are hoping for more civil discourse, not just in Select Board meetings, but in general in the town.

I thank the Select Board for efforts in that direction, and for the determination to create a new atmosphere of civility in the public realm.

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\* See video at 25 minutes into [Select Board Meeting](#)