

**Truro Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Virtual Meeting
February 1, 2022**

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Present: Co-chair Mary Rose, Co-chair Jim Summers; Anne Greenbaum, Susan Howe, Diane Messinger, Jane Petterson

Regrets: Bonnie Brown-Bonse

Also attending: Select Board Liaison Susan Areson, Matthew DiSanto, Rio Sacchetti, Kevin Grunwald, Ann Robinson, Fred Gaechter, Chuck Steinman, Helen McNeil-Ashton, Kaci Fullerton Ann Courtney, Patricia Ford, Laura English, Ellen English, Christine Legere

Co-chair Mary Rose called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and opened the public hearing. Members of the Community Preservation Committee introduced themselves.

Mr. Michael Forgione offered a public comment requesting that the Community Preservation Articles be presented as separate Warrant Articles rather than one multi-sectioned Article in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Public Hearing

Paddlecraft racks

Ann Courtney, representative from the Beach Advisory Committee, presented the first mini grant request of \$6,940 for 15 paddlecraft racks. Each rack will accommodate eight kayaks. The DPW will build and maintain the racks.

Edible Forest

Library Director Patricia Ford said that the Edible Forest mini grant request for \$15,800 would expand an underused area outside the Truro Public Library. Assistant Librarian Maggie Hanelt's teaching garden and mud kitchen will add a trail planted with native, edible plants. Signage, shade covers and areas for small classes will be included in the plan. The timeline for establishing the Edible Forest Trail is estimated as six months.

Cold Storage Beach Historic Display

Laura English and Ellen English explained the two graphic displays for Cold Storage Beach and Pond Village. They have requested \$4,632 to commemorate the historic trap fishing industry, the icehouse and the industries of Pond Village. They have all the forms needed for permission for use of Town property. Helen McNeil-Ashton offered additional information from the Truro Historical Society on the Payomet people. She suggested use of QR codes for the signs. Laura English said they are including QR codes, which allow the information to be kept current. Historical Commission Chair Chuck Steinman also offered to provide additional information on the area and the native inhabitants.

High Head Trails

Truro Conservation Trust President Fred Gaechter presented TCT's request for \$78,000 for the development of trails at the High Head Conservation Area, already owned by Truro and state. The 48-acre property will be opened to the public with trails from the parking area on Rte. 6 to the beach parking lot on Shore Rd. The trails, educational signs and benches will be installed to protect the habitat while providing access to the area. The Conservation Commission has given their approval for the plan, which has a timeline of two years.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Housing Authority Chair Kevin Grunwald discussed the request of \$300,000, made by the Housing Authority on behalf of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. He explained that this request is different because it is not for a specific project. Money in the Trust Fund allows them to respond to critical housing needs. He acknowledged that it is a larger amount than past requests, but the grant would give the Trust Fund flexibility to acquire property and continue to help with rental assistance. Mr. Grunwald anticipates requests for development of the Cloverleaf property and outreach to the public before the initial lottery for the units. Other money from the Trust Fund will be used for a new Housing Assessment Plan.

Housing Consultant/Technical Assistance

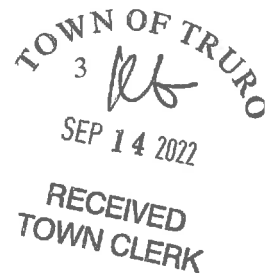
Kevin Grunwald explained the importance of the Housing Consultant/Technical Assistance request for \$25,000. Their consultant Leedara Zola has brought needed knowledge and expertise for RFP's, the Housing Needs Assessment, Housing Production Plan and coordination with the Town Planner. The Housing Needs Assessment and the draft Housing Production Plan are available on the Housing Authority page of the Town website. The completed Housing Production Plan provide data that will be important for Walsh property deliberations.

CDP Lower Cape Housing Institute

Community Development Partnership (CDP) Representative Ann Robinson said they were requesting \$15,000 contribution for the Lower Cape Housing Institute program for another two years. The Institute will continue remotely for now. The schedule is available on the CDP website. A flyer for the March session will be released soon.

Orleans Cape Cod Five Housing

Rio Sacchetti, Pennrose LCC, Inc. Developer, presented PowerPoint slides to explain the Orleans Cape Cod Five Housing request for \$100,000 as a part of the regional approach to fund the 40B housing project located in Orleans. Pennrose built Nauset Green Housing in Eastham through a similar process. The Cape Cod Five Housing is repurposing the bank building, building an addition and two town houses to create 52 Affordable and 10 Workforce units on the property at 19 West Rd. The lottery allowances for the initial applicants will be 70% local preference with a 10% preference given to Lower and Outer Cape towns that have contributed through CPC funds.



He enumerated the amenities and safety precautions planned for the tenants. Susan Howe requested more details of the accessibility provisions. The former office space is not fully handicap accessible, but there will be six fully accessible units. Two units are planned for visually and hearing impaired, and there are “visitable” units that allow visitors access into the units and bathrooms. Mr. Sacchetti will provide the CPC with additional information.

Historical Commission Study of Memorials

Chuck Steinman, Chair of the Truro Historical Commission, presented the request for \$37,500 for a study of memorials for the Payomet People, the original inhabitants of Truro. The grant application is from the Historical Commission and the Historical Society, he said. Helen McNeil-Ashton said that Highland House Museum’s recent show on the Wampanoag and Eastern Woodland tribes revealed how little recognition and awareness there is of Truro’s original occupants. A CPC grant would enable the two organizations to identify locations, work with a Wampanoag representative and set design criteria for memorials.

Historical Society Funds for Acquisitions of Wampanoag and other Art

Helen McNeil-Ashton, as Vice-president for the Historical Society’s collections, said that a grant of \$49,440 would allow the Historical Society to acquire Wampanoag art and a wet8 for the Highland House Museum’s permanent collection. The grant would also make it possible to buy Truro artwork as it becomes available and restore an antique loom that the museum already owns.

Town Records

Town Clerk Kaci Fullerton explained that the request for \$106,000 was for the first phase of a project to digitalize Town records, add an online portal for the public, and provide greater access. The Town has received an IT grant for \$80,000 towards the process.

Mobi Mats & Fencing

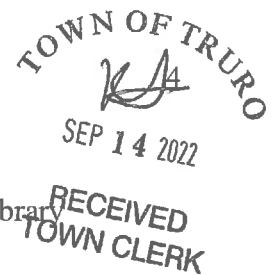
Disabilities Commission Chair Susan Howe presented the Outdoor Recreation request of \$40,540 for Mobi Mats and Fencing for three beaches. The wider mats provide beach access for all and protect the environment, she said.

Mary Rose closed the public hearing at 6:33p.m.

Decisions

After some further discussion of accessibility accommodations and the lottery allowances for the Orleans Cape Cod Five Housing project, CPC members proceeded to vote approvals for the requests to appear on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Anne Greenbaum moved to approve Truro Beach Paddlecraft for \$6,940, requested by Truro Beach Advisory Committee as an Outdoor Recreation project. Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.



Anne Greenbaum moved to approve the Edible Forest for \$15,800, requested by Library Trustees/Friends of Library/Sustainable Cape as an Outdoor Recreation project Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Jim Summers moved to approve the Cold Storage and Pond Village Historical Displays for \$4,936, requested by Pond Village Preservation Committee as an Historical Preservation project. Jane Petterson seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Diane Messinger moved to approve the High Head Trail development for \$78,000, requested by Truro Conservation Trust as an Open Space project. Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Jim Summers moved to approve the Replenishment of the Truro Affordable Housing Trust Fund by \$300,000, requested by Truro Affordable Housing Authority as a Community Housing project. Susan Howe seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Jane Petterson moved to approve the Housing Technical Consultant for \$25,000 requested by Truro Affordable Housing Authority as a Community Housing project. Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Jim Summers moved to approve the Lower Cape Housing Institute for \$15,000, requested by Community Development Partnership as a Community Housing project. Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Susan Howe moved to approve Orleans Cape Cod Five Housing for \$100,000, requested by Pennrose LLC, Inc, as a Community Housing project. Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Diane Messinger moved to approve the Study for Memorials for Payomet People for \$37,500, requested by Truro Historical Commission as an Historical Preservation project Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Diane Messinger moved to approve the Acquisition Fund for the Highland House Museum for \$49,440, requested by Truro Historical Society as an Historical Preservation project. Jim Summers seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Jim Summers moved to approve the Truro Town Records Phase 1 for \$106,000, requested by Truro Town Clerk and Town Manager as an Historical Preservation project. Diane Messinger seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Anne Greenbaum moved to approve the Mobi Mats and Fencing for Beaches for \$40,564, requested by Truro Disabilities Commission as an Outdoor Recreation project. Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment

Jane Petterson moved to adjourn. Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Rogers,
Administrative Consultant

