



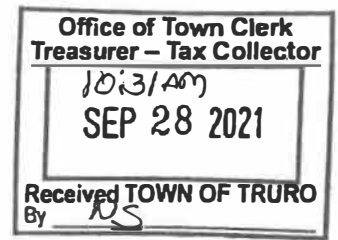
TOWN OF TRURO

PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2020 – 2:30 pm

REMOTE PLANNING BOARD WORK SESSION



Members Present (Quorum): Anne Greenbaum (Chair); Karen Tosh (Vice Chair); Jack Riemer (Clerk); Peter Herridge; Paul Kiernan; Steve Sollog; R. Bruce Boleyn

Members Absent:

Other Participants: Jeffrey Ribeiro, AICP – Outgoing Truro Town Planner; Barbara Carboni – Attorney and Incoming Interim Truro Town Planner

Remote meeting convened at 2:39 pm, Monday, July 6, 2020, by Chair Greenbaum. Town Planner, Jeffrey Ribeiro, reiterated that this is a remote meeting which is being broadcast live on Truro TV Channel 18 and is being recorded. Information as to how the public may call into the meeting or provide written comment was also provided.

Chair Greenbaum asked Members and Participants to introduce themselves.

Public Comment Period

Public comment, for things not on the agenda, and Member Riemer asked if emailed questions or comments were included in the record as he was informed that only telephonic questions or comments were included. Town Planner Ribeiro clarified that all communications during the meeting were included in the record that is posted on the Truro website.

Members discussed the Commonwealth's State of Emergency as declared by Governor Charlie Baker with additional input from the state legislature as it applied to municipal board, commission, and committee hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Member stated that virtual meetings are illegible and inaudible resulting in Massachusetts Open Meeting violations. Interim Town Planner Carboni addressed her concerns that the Massachusetts Attorney General had recently opined that as long as the public had "adequate alternative access" virtual public meetings were acceptable. Members and participants agreed that technology may increase participation during hearings.

Work Session – Continued

Chair Greenbaum asked Members for input as to how Members should participate in town open meetings as a private citizen and not as a Member of the Planning Board. Discussion focused on disclosure, transparency, potential recusal from future Planning Board cases on which a Member may have to decide versus a Member who can hear a case impartially and without bias, and potential inference (correctly or incorrectly) that the public may perceive. Further discussion addressed a situation where a Member, as a private citizen, offers a comment on an agenda item during an open

meeting and how that may be perceived by the public. Chair Greenbaum concluded that the best way to go would be to disclose but it is each individual Member's decision to make.

Member Boleyn joined the meeting.

Chair Greenbaum asked the Town Planner and Interim Town Planner for an update on the Peer Review of the revised proposal for the Cloverleaf project. Interim Town Planner stated that Mark Nelson will have update on storm and wastewater later this afternoon and erosion will be provided next week so that review was not completed. Members expressed concerns over sewage system, limits of the lot, applicant's deed restriction refusal, securing safety in case of emergencies, water drainage, lack of information on the slope of the paved driveway, underground utilities, the apartment building's gross floor area adherence to current building bylaws, and potential future liabilities and legal obligations for the Town of Truro in the event of a future sale of Cloverleaf to a new owner, and the ZBA's role and responsibility reviewing the applicant's application.

Chair Greenbaum reviewed topics for the next meeting. Topics discussed for the next meeting: Cloverleaf revised proposal, upcoming ZBA hearings regarding Cloverleaf, Cloverleaf waiver statuses, and Cloverleaf project adherence to Truro bylaws.

Chair Greenbaum asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion carried and was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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