

Truro Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2016
Truro Town Hall
Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen

Attending: Lisa Maria Tobia, Steve Sollog, Jack Riemer, Peter Herridge, Bruce Boleyn
Absent: John Hopkins, Mike Roderick (both excused)

Ms. Tobia called the meeting to order at approximately 5 pm, as a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to review annual goals.

Ms. Tobia relayed the Planning Board's top four goals:

Community visioning and comprehensive planning
Affordable Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw
Seashore District
Affordable housing, Duplex and Apartment provisions of the bylaw

She noted there were other issues that are important, but the Board wants to focus energy on specific topics that can be completed.

The Select Board Chair, Mr. Wisotzky, noted that the Selectmen had been discussing the creation of a committee to undertake a review and revision of the Local Comprehensive Plan.

Ms Worthington and Mr Coburn spoke to the affordable housing goals, and noted they would like to see them combined. Mr Coburn spoke about a single section in the Zoning Bylaw addressing all facets of affordable housing, including conversion of condominiums.

He also noted that there had been a proposal to revise the Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw that would have made such units as of right, rather than require a special permit, and would have removed the requirement for a deed restriction unless a tax abatement is sought.

Ms. Tobia also noted the potential for an amnesty program for existing units that are being used as accessory units.

The Seashore District also was discussed. Mr Herridge reviewed the points of a bylaw that had been crafted by a subcommittee of the Board and interested citizens and a member of the Board of Selectmen. The subcommittee would like to have Town Counsel

review the bylaw. Mr Riemer noted that Wellfleet has adopted this bylaw and Truro might benefit from this prior experience.

Mr. Coburn noted that he would like to see a discussion focused on broader planning questions, to gain consensus on the problem to be solved, before delving into the details of a specific proposal.

Ms. Burgess spoke in support of the draft proposal and the work that had gone into it.

All agreed to host a public meeting to discuss the Seashore District in August. The Planning Board was asked to prepared bullet points about what they would like to achieve for the Seashore District, and the two Boards would reconvene on July 12 to discuss details of the community meeting.

Ms Tobia asked for a motion to adjourned, which was provided by Mr. Herridge with a second by Mr. Boleyn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Respectfully submitted by:



Katherine Black

