

TOWN OF TRURO Truro Historical Commission

P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666-2030

**Historical Review Board and Historical Commission Joint Meeting
Town of Truro**

Meeting Location: Cobb Room, Truro Public Library

Date: Jue 10, 2017, 11:00 am

Present: Matthew Kiefer, Chair, Historical Review Board
David Kirchner, Member, HRB
Fred Todd, Member, HRB
Richard Larkin, Member, Historical Commission
Chuck Steinman, Chair, Historical Commission
Helen McNeil-Ashton, Historical Commission

1. Vote to Approve Minutes: Minutes of the February 11, 2017 Hearing regarding 22 Cliff Road were approved and will be submitted to the Town Clerk.
2. Board of Selectmen Liaison: Maureen Burgess will be the new liaison to the Historical Commission.
3. Combination of Historical Commission and Historical Review Board: Per the approved warrant article at Town Meeting, the two will be merged into a single seven member Historical Commission (the six listed above as present plus David Perry) upon the MA Attorney General's approval of the revised General Bylaw. Among its other responsibilities, the Commission will conduct demolition delay reviews and hearings.
4. Commission Officers: After a motion by Chuck Steinman and second by Richard Larkin, Matt Kiefer was voted Chair, Chuck Steinman Vice Chairman, and Fred Todd Secretary. Officers were voted to one-year terms, Vote was unanimous.
5. Board of Selectmen's Goal Setting Agenda: The Board discussed various areas of concern regarding the BOS upcoming goal-setting session. Discussion included town-wide house size limits, condo conversions, the Pamet River/tidal flow study underway by the Army Corps of Engineers, and community preservation. We agreed that Chuck Steinman would serve as a liaison to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board and in that role would


support initiatives to protect and preserve the historical and cultural resources of the Town. We noted that a committee has been appointed to update the Comprehensive Plan; at the appropriate time, the Historic Commission may want to meet with the committee to discuss relevant issues and participate in the update of the "Heritage Preservation and Community Character" chapter. The Commission will review any specific proposals to assess the impact on historical properties or settings; one area for further review is the status of existing and potential historic districts and whether new initiatives should be undertaken.

6. Other business: The Commission discussed possible ways to communicate the general mission of historic preservation and specifically whether a handout reviewing historical guidelines and demolition should be prepared for distribution by the Building Department.

7. Next meeting: July 29, 10:00 am, at the Cobb Room of the Truro Public Library.

8. A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded and voted unanimously.

Signed.



Frederick Todd, Sect.

