

TOWN of TRURO
Truro Historical Commission
Truro Historical Commission (THC) Meeting Minutes



Meeting Location: Via Go to Meeting
Date and Time: Monday, January 30, 2023, 4:30 pm

Members Present: Matthew Kiefer, Chair
Chuck Steinman, Vice Chair
Jim Summers, Secretary
David Kirchner, Member

Absent: Bart Mitchell, Member
Richard Larkin, Member
Amy Rolnick, Member

Attending: Barbara Carboni, Town Planner
Sue Areson, Select Board Liaison
Jim Sloman, Owner/applicant
Tim Dickey, Contractor

1 Mooring Way: Chairman Kiefer opened the meeting and explained that, after determining that a building is significant, the bylaw directs the THC to determine if the intended demolition would be detrimental to the historical, cultural, or architectural heritage of the Town, or whether the work proposed will materially diminish the building or structure's significance to the Town's heritage, and to explore alternatives to demolition.

Tim Dickey presented the existing conditions of the shed which is intended to be demolished and replaced with a similar structure. The existing shed (14'x18') is beyond repair and the new building will be slightly larger (13'x24'). Photographs were presented that showed the shed's deteriorated state. The new shed building will be wood framed and sided with white cedar shingles.

A motion was made by Member Kirchner that the THC would not find it be preferably preserved in terms of the demolition. Vice Chair Steinman seconded the motion and all members, through a roll call vote, voted in favor.

Minutes:

Member Kirchner moved, and Vice Chair Steinman seconded, and all members, through a roll call vote, voted to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022, and December 22, 2022, meetings. The minutes will be filed with the Town Clerk after Barbara Carboni provides the decision for the 146 Rt. 6 hearing held on December 22, 2022.

MHC area forms:

These forms may be used for future historic district applications and for future demolition delay reviews, among other purposes. The comments by the Commission members will be provided to Eric Dray. Vice Chair Steinman requested that the location of the Old Kings Highway relative to the Pamet Roads, Longnook Road and roads and leading into East Harbor be clarified by old maps.

Town Planner report:

1. Walsh property update – Potential uses of the existing cottages are still being considered in the planning process, but no decisions have been made. One cottage will be relocated for Town employee housing. If any of the cottages are to be demolished, they would need to be reviewed by the THC.
2. The Walsh Committee voted to proceed with a study for the potential impact of approximately 250 units. This vote is only for study purposes and not a decision on the number of units to be built. Vice Chair Steinman questioned if an environmental impact statement would be conducted based on this decision but since this is only a conceptual study the studies would be conducted based on an approved proposal in response to an RFP.
3. The Open Space and Recreation Plan draft was distributed to the Commission by Barbara Carboni.
4. Local Comprehensive Plan – Sue Areson presented an overview of the draft Vision Statement and draft Goals and Objectives. These documents were distributed to the THC prior to the meeting. Housing and the environment are the most prominent elements in the Vision Statement. The Goals and Objectives follow the Cape Cod Commission's recommended outline. Comments on the drafts by the THC should be returned by end of February. THC should suggest which goals of the 2005 LCPC plan should be carried into the 2023 plan. The LCP should provide goals that will guide decisions which would ultimately direct the planning for the Walsh property. A meeting should be scheduled with members of the LCPC and THC to discuss what should be included in the Vision Statement and the Goals and Objectives. A meeting was scheduled for February 21st at 5pm with representatives of the LCPC and the THC. A draft of the THC recommendations will be circulated to the Commission members prior to the 21st for comments. Any edits or comments to this draft should be sent to the 'author' (Chair Kiefer) only and it will be incorporated into a revised draft which will be returned to the Commission members.
5. A Housing coordinator memo/proposal has been created by Barbara Carboni to oversee and fulfill the Town's housing plans. The Town administration would need to approve for it to be included in a warrant for the April Town Meeting.

New Business:

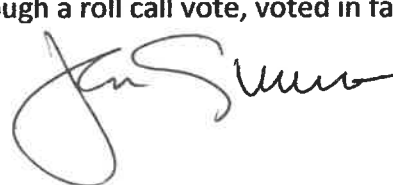
1. Vice Chair Steinman made a motion to have Chair Kiefer, Vice Chair Steinman, and Member Summers as the subcommittee and authorizes Chair Kiefer to collect comments and submit these comments to the LCPC at the February 21st meeting. Commissioners will respond to Chair Kiefer and not 'respond to all' when returning comments of the draft. Member Kirchner seconded the motion, and all members present, through a roll call vote, voted to approve.

FY 2024 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) applications:

1. Historic Truro Self-Guided Tour Booklet - 'Recreation' was added to the application along with the Historic Preservation designation. CPC will recommend this project to be presented at Town Meeting 2023.
2. Meeting House cemetery restoration - CPC will recommend this project to be presented at Town Meeting 2023.
3. Cobb Library gutter replacement - CPC will recommend this project to be presented at Town Meeting 2023.

There being no further business, Member Kirchner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chair Steinman seconded the motion and all members through a roll call vote, voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Summers, Secretary

 3/22/2023