

TOWN OF TRURO

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To: Open Space Committee

From: Truro Select Board

Re: Revised Open Space Charge – July 23, 2024

In accordance with the Truro Town Charter, paragraph 6-4-6, the Board of Selectmen has voted to revise the Charge to the Open Space Committee originally established on January 13, 1998, and amended on April 28, 1998, October 1, 2001, and May 18, 2005, November 30, 2010, and July 23, 2024.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE CHARGE

Guided by the vision statement and growth policy in the 2024 Truro Local Comprehensive Plan – and in the spirit of Truro’s Land Acknowledgement Statement of Indigenous Peoples and their traditional respect of the land -- the Open Space Committee will focus on stewardship of Truro’s land and natural resources while recognizing the need for housing, business and economic development. Committee initiatives will be aimed at protecting Truro’s natural, cultural and historical resources, taking into consideration the work of other entities with related missions, such as the Truro Conservation Commission, the Truro Recreation Commission, the Truro Conservation Trust, the Truro Historical Commission and the Cape Cod National Seashore.

The committee will:

- Review the Truro Open Space and Recreation Plan annually and advise the Select Board on recommended actions. Working with the Recreation Commission, update Truro Open Space and Recreation Plan every five years and submit for approvals as required.
- Work with the Truro Conservation Trust and other involved committees and agencies, including the Cape Cod National Seashore, in the development and support of plans for bike paths, hiking trails, civic parks, greenbelts, and other conservation and recreation programs (active and passive).
- Propose and prepare grant applications to the Select Board that qualify for Open Space funds under the Community Preservation Act. Submit such

applications to Truro's Community Preservation Committee and oversee any approved projects.

- Maintain an inventory of town-owned open spaces – listed in Truro Open Space and Recreation Plan. Recommend whether any of these properties should be protected in perpetuity, sold or swapped for municipal benefit.
- Collaborate with the Truro Conservation Commission and the Truro Conservation Trust regarding oversight and stewardship responsibilities for open space parcels.
- Appoint one member of the Open Space Committee to the Community Preservation Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Community Preservation Act (MGL ch. 44B.)
- Report annually to Select Board on the committee's activities.

The Open Space Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Select Board, with one of the five recommended by and representing the Truro Conservation Trust. Members will serve staggered terms to be determined by the Select Board.



Susan Areson, Chair



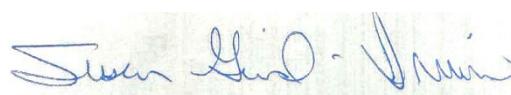
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Truro Select Board