



Local Comprehensive Plan Committee Agenda

Remote Meeting

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 – 9:00 am
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Public Comment Period

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Minutes:

- ◆ Assignment of Today's Minutes
- ◆ Approval of Minutes: August 9, 2022
- ◆ Outstanding Minutes: None

Planner Update

Community Vision/Growth Policy – Sharon Rooney

- ◆ Discussion of development of draft community vision/growth policy and goals

Discussion/Planning for Community Events This Fall

Next Meeting Date: Discussion

Adjourn

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
Minutes August 9, 2022

Attending: Mara Glatzel – Chair; Ellery Althaus– Vice Chair; Chris Clark; Sue Areson; Anne Greenbaum – members; Barbara Carboni – Town Planner & Land Use Counsel; Sharon Rooney Consultant

Public Comment – No public Comment

Minutes

- May 4, 2022 Motion to Approve as written – Sue Areson, Second Ellery Althaus
 - Vote to approve 5-0
- June 28, 2022 Motion to Approve as written – Anne Greenbaum, Second Ellery Althaus
 - Vote to approve 5-0

Planner Update

- Walsh – Master Planning team hired, expect to move forward more quickly
- Housing Authority – Housing Production Plan draft presented at public meeting, with good discussion
 - 2nd community forum on refined HPP/Needs Assessment Sept. 19, 2022 6pm. This will be virtual meeting
- Ad hoc housing group – representatives from Housing Authority, Planning Board and ZBA will begin meeting soon to develop ideas for potential ways to increase housing (result of Select Board goal 13)

Visioning Workshop

What is visioning/what does it do? Sharon provided background. Includes:

- Offering common goal
- Generating creative thinking & passion

Next step will be public workshops

- 1) Reviewed 3 sources of information
 - a. Select Board goals – Sue Areson
 - b. Post Card responses to date – Anne Greenbaum
 - c. Survey results – Sharon Rooney
- 2) Exercise – Truro in 10-20 years
 - a. Wrote down individual responses

- b. Round robin listing on newsprint of responses – these responses are being written up & will be publicly available. Major topics included:
 - i. Housing
 - ii. Respectful conversations
 - iii. Transportation
 - iv. Economic viability
 - v. Environment/water
- 3) What needs to change between now & then? These responses are being written up & will be publicly available. Major topics included:
- a. Better internet
 - b. Housing
 - c. Transportation
 - d. Civil & respectful debate

Discussion of Public Vision Session

- Will have public respond to these/similar questions rather than react to draft vision statement
- 2 sessions
 - Virtual – Thursday Oct 13 – 6:30
 - In person – Saturday Oct 15 time TBD
 - Midday
 - Include food & childcare

Committee enjoyed meeting in person and will try to have more in person meetings.

Next Meeting Tuesday August 30 9-11 – virtual meeting. j

Motion to adjourn – Ellery, seconded by Anne

Vote to adjourn – 4-0 (Chris Clark left at 11:05)

Respectfully Submitted

Anne Greenbaum

Truro LCP Goals

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goals	2005 Truro LCP Goals	Updated Truro LCP Goals
<p>Natural Systems <u>Water Resources</u> - To maintain a sustainable supply of high quality untreated drinking water and protect, preserve, or restore the ecological integrity of Cape Cod's fresh and marine surface water resources.</p>	<p><u>Water Resource Goal(s):</u> 1) To maintain the overall quality and quantity of Cape Cod groundwater to ensure a sustainable supply of high quality, untreated drinking water. 2) To continue the efforts to protect the Pamet and Chequessett Lenses. 3) To identify and protect future water supplies. 4) To work cooperatively with the National Park Service, adjacent towns and other agencies to protect existing and future water supplies. 5) To encourage the use of private wastewater disposal systems other than septic systems specifically to protect water supplies and marine water quality, not as a basis for increasing building density or type of development beyond the standards defined in Truro's LCP. These systems, when used, must be adequately managed and maintained. 6) To preserve and improve the ecological integrity of marine and fresh surface waters.</p> <p><u>Cape Cod National Seashore Goal(s):</u> 3) Explore the potential to work closely with the CCNS and with other regional towns to provide alternative water supplies for the Lower Cape towns.</p>	
<p><u>Ocean Resources</u> - To protect, preserve, or restore the quality and natural values and functions of ocean resources.</p>	<p><u>Coastal Resource Goal(s):</u> 1) Truro acknowledges the public's interest in the coast & rights for fishing, fowling and navigation, and will preserve and manage coastal areas so as to safeguard and perpetuate their biological, economic and aesthetic values, and to preserve and, where appropriate, expand public access to the shoreline. 3) Truro will maintain and improve coastal water quality to encourage shellfishing and swimming, where appropriate, and to protect the coastal ecosystem which supports shellfish and finfish habitat.</p>	
<p><u>Wetland Resources</u> - To protect, preserve, or restore the quality and natural values and functions of inland and coastal wetlands and their buffers.</p>	<p><u>Wetland/Wildlife Goal(s):</u> 1) Truro will preserve (leave as is) the quality and quantity of its inland and coastal wetlands insofar as natural forces allow. 3) The Pamet River should symbolize Truro's commitment to protecting the natural environment. The lower Pamet should be protected and, where necessary, restored in order to improve water quality, preserve associated natural ecosystems and maximize human enjoyment. The upper Pamet, presently an artificially maintained fresh-water marsh, should gradually be returned to its former status as a saltmarsh.</p>	

<p><u>Wildlife and Plant Habitat</u> - To protect, preserve, or restore wildlife and plant habitat to maintain the region's natural diversity.</p>	<p><u>Wetland/Wildlife Goal(s):</u> 2) Truro will take measures to prevent loss or degradation of critical wildlife and plant habitat, minimize the impact of development on wildlife and plant habitat, and maintain, in so far as possible, existing populations and species diversity.</p>	
<p><u>Open Space</u> - To conserve, preserve, or enhance a network of open space that contributes to the region's natural and community resources and systems.</p>	<p><u>Open Space and Recreation Goal(s):</u> 1) Truro will preserve and enhance the availability of open space in order to provide wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, and protect the natural resources, scenery, and character of Truro. 2) Truro will use Land Bank or Community Preservation Act funds to help maintain the town's rural character, reducing density, securing future well sites, developing a Route 6 greenbelt, protecting wildlife and endangered species, and providing additional passive recreation areas. 4) Truro will continue to develop active and passive recreation opportunities that serve all segments of Truro's diverse population.</p>	
<p>Built Systems <u>Community Design</u> - To protect and enhance the unique character of the region's built and natural environment based on the local context.</p>	<p><u>Land Use Goal(s):</u> 1) Protect Truro's rural character outside the Seashore 2) Support vital and healthy villages and encourage a small-town, year-round character for these areas. 3) Work with the National Park Service as well as the Cape Cod Commission to ensure that their planning and the town's are coordinated.</p>	
<p>Coastal Resiliency - To prevent or minimize human suffering and loss of life and property or environmental damage resulting from storms, flooding, erosion, and relative sea level rise.</p>	<p><u>Coastal Resource Goal(s):</u> 2) Truro will limit development in coastal and other high-hazard areas in order to protect health, minimize loss of life and of structures, and prevent environmental damage resulting from storms, natural disasters and sea level rise in so far as possible. <u>Cape Cod National Seashore Goal(s):</u> 1) Work cooperatively with the CCNS and with regional towns for the betterment of the seashore, the region, and the Town. 4) Work with the CCNS to address beach problems related to dune health, beach access, parking, and traffic management. 5) Work with the CCNS to improve the town's coastal resource profile, including developing an integrated approach to management of the Pamet River System and coordinating the development of an estuary and shellfishing area at East Harbor. 6) Maintain an active voice in the decision making for the future of the Truro Dune Shacks and in the management of the Off-Road Vehicle program.</p>	

<p><u>Capital Facilities & Infrastructure</u> - To guide the development of capital facilities and infrastructure necessary to meet the region's needs while protecting regional resources.</p>	<p><u>Capital Facilities & Infrastructure Goal(s):</u> 1) Develop a long-range plan to improve/maintain the town's infrastructure while maintaining a modest rise in taxes. 2) Work cooperatively with other communities and entities to explore regional solutions to meet community and regional needs. 6) Develop a long-range projection and analysis of the Town's school populations and school infrastructure needs. 7) Continue to maintain current and future buildings with a building maintenance plan. 8) Develop and implement a long range beach and beach management plan to ensure continuous long range recreational and conservational uses. This plan should include parking issues and strategies, dune nourishment programs, permitting issues, and conservation issues.</p>	
<p><u>Transportation</u> - To provide and promote a safe, reliable, and multi-modal transportation system.</p>	<p><u>Transportation Goal(s):</u> 1) Continue to advocate for a year-round transportation system that is convenient, safe, accessible, economical and consistent with the Town's historic, scenic and natural resources. 2) Continue to encourage alternative transportation modes, such as bicycles, shuttles and on-call bus service that reduce dependence on private automobiles, within the limits defined by Truro's location, density and fiscal strength. 3) Maintain the existing capacity levels of all non-Federal/State highways, which should be sufficient to handle the Town's anticipated growth. 4) Continue to encourage linking beach and harbor parking areas to a public transportation or shuttle system. 5) Create a safe and unified bicycle and walking system.</p>	
<p><u>Energy</u> - To provide an adequate, reliable, and diverse supply of energy to serve the communities and economies of Cape Cod.</p>	<p><u>Economic Development Goal(s):</u> 6) To explore the potentials for alternative energy, including wind power. <u>Capital Facilities & Infrastructure Goal(s):</u> 5) Encourage energy conservation and improved energy efficiency, and manage land uses to maximize energy efficiency. Weigh the aesthetics and other impacts of these technologies when they are being proposed.</p>	
<p><u>Waste Management</u> - To promote a sustainable solid waste management system for the region that protects public health, safety, and the environment and supports the economy</p>	<p><u>Capital Facilities & Infrastructure Goal(s):</u> 3) Continue to manage solid waste using an integrated solid waste management system that includes source reduction, recycling, composting, and incineration. Divert increasing percentages of the municipal waste now sent to incinerator facilities through recycling and composting programs. 4) Continue to dispose of hazardous waste generated by Truro households and businesses in an environmentally sound manner using regional programs.</p>	
<p>Community Systems</p>		

<p><u>Cultural Heritage</u> - To protect and preserve the significant cultural, historic, and archaeological values and resources of Cape Cod.</p>	<p><u>Economic Development Goal(s):</u> 3) To encourage and support cultural institutions such as Castle Hill, the Truro Historical Museum, Payment Performing Arts, and Truro Concerts in the Park. 4) To work with the National Seashore and Highlands Center Inc. to ensure that the Town will benefit from the activities taking place at the Highlands Center.</p> <p><u>Cape Cod National Seashore Goal(s):</u> 2) Work cooperatively with the CCNS to develop and implement further plans concerning the Highlands Center that enhance Truro’s economy, community character, scientific, artistic and environmental goals.</p> <p><u>Heritage Preservation and Community Character Goal(s):</u> 1) Truro will seek to protect and preserve the important historic, cultural, and scenic features of the Truro landscape, recognizing that they are critical components of the town’s heritage, character, and economy. 2) Truro will preserve historic areas through the establishment of Historic Districts, subject to the wishes of area residents, beginning with the Pond Village area in North Truro Center. The Pamet Roads, Depot Road and Longnook Road should be considered as well. 3) Truro will work to ensure that future development and redevelopment respect the traditions and character of historic village centers and outlying residential areas so as to protect the town’s characteristically rural look and feel.</p>	
<p><u>Economy</u> - To promote a sustainable regional economy comprised of a broad range of businesses providing employment opportunities to a diverse workforce.</p>	<p><u>Land Use Goal(s):</u> 5) Recognize that the Town cannot support a full-service economy in the foreseeable future.</p> <p><u>Economic Development Goal(s):</u> 1) To encourage year round businesses, including home based occupations, that will provide a benefit to both the year round and seasonal population while maintaining and preserving the rural character of the town. 2) To locate business development so as to preserve Truro’s rural character and cultural heritage, minimize adverse impacts and enhance the quality of life, focusing on promoting the revitalization of North Truro Village and Truro Center by concentrating small scale professional service, retail, office, home based industry, residential and community activities in these areas while maintaining their rural village character. 5) To encourage traditional home occupations providing services to Truro residents as well as knowledge workers, artists, artisans and others.</p>	

<p><u>Housing</u> - To promote the production of an adequate supply of ownership and rental housing that is safe, healthy, and attainable for people with different income levels and diverse needs.</p>	<p><u>Land Use Goal(s):</u> 4) Encourage sustainable and economically diversified residential growth consistent with the Town's and the Cape's carrying capacity.</p> <p><u>Open Space and Recreation Goal(s):</u> 3) Truro will work to ensure that continued residential development does not destroy key open lands that are important for ecosystems, view sheds, rural character, or access ways for the general public.</p> <p><u>Affordable Housing Goal(s):</u> 1) Truro will promote decent, safe, affordable housing for rental or purchase to meet the needs of present and future Truro residents. In accordance with state law, Truro will seek to raise its affordable housing stock to 10% of all year-round units at the rate of 0.75% per year of existing housing stocks. 2) Truro will encourage and support affordable housing that can serve a variety of needs, including elderly residents, families with children, couples, singles, and municipal employees. 3) Truro will work with other towns and with state and regional agencies to support affordable housing at the regional level. 4) Truro will make the necessary zoning and regulatory changes to encourage the development of affordable rental units and homes needed for Truro residents.</p>	
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