

Local Comprehensive Plan Committee Agenda

Remote Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022 – 4:00 pressurer – Tax Collector www.truro-ma.gov

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Minutes:

- ♦ Assignment of Today's Minutes
- ♦ Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2022 and October 3, 2022
- ♦ Outstanding Minutes: None

Planner Update

Discussion with Communications and Marketing Coordinator About Engagement Platforms

Discussion About Timeline and Next Steps

Discussion About October 15th Event

- ♦ Recap and Discussion of October 15, 2022 Visioning Workshop
- ♦ Review of Draft LCP Goals Built Systems

Next Meeting Date: Discussion

Adjourn

Local Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting minutes for Sept. 20, 2022

Committee members attending: Mara Glatzel, chair; Ellery Althaus, vice-chair; Christopher Clark; Susan Areson, Select Board representative; Anne Greenbaum, Planning Board representative; Raphael Richter, new member

Absent: Kait Blehm, new member

Truro staff/consultant attending: Barbara Huggins Carboni, town planner/land use counsel; Sharon Rooney, LCPC consultant; Darrin Tangeman, town manager

Others attending: Bob Panessiti, representing the Economic Development Committee

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

Members unanimously approved the minutes of August 30, 2022.

Planner Carboni reported no Planner updates

Today's discussion focused on the 15 October 2022 outreach workshop event, while also including a few broader topics having to do with the LCPC's overarching responsibilities.

- 1. Consultant Sharon Rooney presented an overview of how the workshop might be conducted, including vision statement and brainstorming. She walked through the general mechanisms of the process (e.g., colored cards, breakout groups, sticky notes): large group exercise (e.g., answer three things valued most about Truro today, one thing to be changed for the future), facilitators, break-out groups, key things to make Truro an ideal town, main themes across groups, wrap up (how information is used for vision statement, key issues). Scribe taking notes, grid of goals from the Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan and the goals listed in Truro's 2005 Local Comprehensive Plan. Sharon suggested an initial discussion of the goals for the updated LCP.
- 2. Workshop would include an Introduction regarding LCPC efforts up until this point, the process, ways for attendees to engage in future efforts, transparency, etc. Story map that can be reused and added to, status, updates
- 3. Importance of roll and responsibilities of LCPC within the larger context of the town and other committees (e.g., Housing, Energy, water) would be included in Story-map development. One of our rolls is to break down the silos. We should not be repeating what other committees have done and are responsible for.
- 4. Timeline of anticipated milestones from now until the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Where is the LCPC going from here. After this event have a substantive event where we could share data, ideas, and start to synthesize our findings.

- 5. Need for draft vision statement after the event.
- Members discussed various ways to make the workshop successful: introduction (story-arc as a starting point), storyboard, poster session on Walsh property; the need for age diversity.
- 7. Members asked Sharon to provide support and materials during the meeting (e.g., scribe to take notes on large sheets of paper) and provide all of us notes from prior envisioning and growth policy discussion
- 8. Meeting outreach We discuss what and how to successfully broadcast the event throughout the broad Truro community. Planner report (Katy Ward). Getting the word out to different sectors of the community (Mara school, Sue Select Board, committee members, signage, COA, newspapers, etc.). Fliers to distribute poster, postcard, graphics for Facebook and Instagram. Goal is to saturate Truro folks with knowledge of the Workshop.
- Members agreed to delegate Mara and Sue as LCPC representatives to ??? (What form of words here?)
- 10. Members agreed to meet next at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, to further plan the workshops.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Clark

What is an example of when we use words & terms for which there are not explicit examples (e.g. data, Storyboard

Barbara mentions a "save-the-date" announcement on Truro Website – need a way for readers to RSVP. Fliers to distribute – poster, postcard, graphics for Facebook and Instagram. Goal is to saturate Truro folks with knowledge of the Workshop. Work with Katie to do it better.

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Minutes October 3, 2022

Attending: Mara Glatzel – Chair, Kait Blehm, Chris Clarke, Anne Greenbaum, Raphael Richter, Sue Areson – members; Barbara Carboni – Town Planner/Land Use Counsel; Sharon Rooney – Consultant, Tighe & Bond; Darrin Tangeman – Town Manager

Chair called for Moment of Silence for Susan Howe and those who know & love her

Chris will resend minutes from last meeting

1) Planner Update

- Planning Board talking about potential articles, getting input from public & other boards
 & town staff
- Open Space Committee working with consultant on new Open Space Plan using survey and other input opportunities
- 2) Visioning Event October 15 10-12
 - a) Sharon Rooney gave overview of the workshop
 - Focus Visioning future of Truro
 - Start in large group
 - Individual visioning what would you like to change
 - Group by theme
 - Large group scribe Anne &/or person from Tighe & Bond
 - Move to small group after break
 - Each table has facilitator, several maps of Truro
 - If numbers get large, will we have enough facilitators
 - Mara working on teen table with teen facilitator
 - O What would be ideal Truro?
 - o Participants can use sticky notes, write on maps
 - Member of each group to report out to large group
 - Mara &/or Sharon to be roving support to table facilitators
 - b) Discussion
 - Materiel created by Truro Central students will be on walls &/or included in opening presentation
 - Postcards responding to question about vision for Truro will be displayed on the walls
 - Committee to meet at Community Center at 9 for set up, table facilitation review etc.

- Meeting won't be recorded
- c) Outreach
 - Flyers Library, COA, Town Hall, Post Offices Anne
 - Email lists
 - o Truro Central School Mara
 - o TPRTA Anne
 - o Chamber of Commerce Rafael
 - Historical Society Anne
 - Truro Conservation Trust Sue
 - Facebook Truro & N. Truro pages Sue
 - Highways signs Barbara will talk with Jarrod
 - Sandwich Board at Transfer station Rafael will make, Barbara to check with Jarrod

Respectfully submitted

Anne Greenbaum

Themes/Areas of Consensus:

- DIVERSITY
 - Value economic diversity
 - Housing variety/diversity
 - More civility/discourse/constructiveness/creativity
- SERVICE & SUPPORT
 - Services for all ages (year-round)
 - Balancing diverse needs and concerns
 - Transportation
 - Infrastructure/wastewater/internet/ pathways/sidewalks
- ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABILITY
 - Economic generator hub for region
 - Climate emergency/net zero/sustainability
- MAINTAINING CHARM & CHARACTER
 - o Personality of Truro: nice, ordinary, sandy feet

What would Truro be like if you had the power to make it any way you wanted it?

- Environment and Sustainability
 - Truro is known nation-wide as an innovative, zero carbon, economically and environmentally sustainable community. Must have an economically diverse population.
 - o Beautiful, quiet, open, spacious, filled with natural resources
 - o Continuation of agricultural uses
- Improved Infrastructure
 - System of safe pathways and sidewalks
 - o Sewer beach pt.?
 - o ¾ acre zoning?
 - Access to public transportation all year round
 - Access to services (healthcare, groceries, etc.)
 - Comprehensive plan for building on coastland
 - o Better internet
- Housing Affordability
 - Town owned town employee housing, workforce housing, more affordable and market rate rentals
- Community Building (Arts, Education, TECH, etc.)
 - Maker space, commercial kitchen, coworking spaces
 - Network for tradespeople /regional effort
 - Geographic hub for neighboring communities (childcare? Afterschool? Health care? Swimming?)
 - Economic development and community minded behavior
 - Continued support and development of arts programs
 - YMCA type facility and programming for Walsh/Town Center
 - Active community center all year for all people
 - The ability to support a local school
- Diversity and Character
 - Community cohesion embraces and encourages acceptance (for everyone who is here), not divided over how long people have been here, diversity

- Still recognizable as Truro and not a generic Cape town
 - Rural, green, neighborhoods hidden/tucked away
 - No major development on highway
 - Not commercial
 - Age, race, economic diversity

Future goals, what Truro would look like:

- Civil, engaged, collaborative, creative
 - More year-round residents and businesses
 - Protected coastal community with a range of housing and businesses to support yearround population
 - Engaged population include a plan for people who are busy and aren't as active in the community
 - Year-round store & breakfast, lunch, and coffee!
- Strategic policies and planning
 - Discussions in Town are about balancing a variety of needs and not framed as either/or
 - Municipal space
 - Creativity
 - Messaging about housing variety / communication of values
 - Internet
 - Housing
- Water issues/environmental/transportation
 - o Responsible decisions to protect the resources
 - Requires a variety of housing types and opportunities
 - o Easy to move around Truro without owning a car
 - Sewer in denser parts of Truro

Prompt: What is one thing that you would change about Truro?

General Themes from Scribe:

- Improve road maintenance
- Increase sense of community
- Include more opportunities for youth activities
- Make changes in how decisions are made/leadership
- Increase efforts to address climate change
- Include more reasonably priced and affordable housing options
- Add safer options to cross Route 6
- Add housing for working families
- Add more diverse housing
- Include more adult summer sports
- Increase accessibility
- Support more year-round businesses

Additional information from sticky notes:

- Themes of Leadership:
 - Change governmental structure
 - Change town planner so that it is not a lawyer; make all planning require citizens and select lawyer
 - Communication and decision making
 - o Add better road maintenance for private roads public
 - Make private roads public
 - Private road conversion to public
 - Antagonism at Town Meetings
 - Change lower real estate taxes
 - o Too much power in the hands of the select board
 - Change one-sided negative dialogue
- Themes of Diversity:
 - Encourage greater diversity, old young, etc.
 - More young people
 - Change nasty diverse attitudes esp. from select board
 - o Change lack of diversity age, race, socioeconomic status
 - I want to change heartbreaking divisiveness
- Themes on Housing
 - Add more affordable housing
 - o Fewer mega mansions
 - Housing for working families
 - Less building up
 - Alternative housing options ADUs
- Themes on Local Business and Family Support
 - Add more childcare
 - Add youth sports

- Add adult sports
- Support local businesses to stay year-round
- Include affordable housing to keep businesses open year-round
- More workforce housing
- Themes on Environment
 - Become more sustainable
 - Protect water
 - o Add safe Route 6 crossings

Prompt: What are three things that you value about Truro?

General Themes from Scribe:

- Elected/Appointed mix in Town committees
- Food
- History
- Sally's Way
- Wholesome lifestyle
- National seashore
- Passion of young families
- Public services
- Appreciate community can go to Post Office and Town Dump
- Minimal traffic congestion in business areas
- Natural beauty, beaches, open skies
- Small town feel
- Library & school access
- Small businesses
- Rural feeling
- Citizen participation

Additional information from sticky notes:

- Themes on Community
 - Value sense of community
 - Wholesome lifestyle
 - History
 - Small town feel
 - Public library and school access
 - Close knit feel
 - Do-it yourself feel post office, town dump
 - Sally's Way
 - Not too crowded
 - Size and closeness
 - Privacy and seclusion
 - Caring neighbors
- Themes of Natural Environment & Open Space
 - Value beaches

- Seashore
- Nearness to water
- Natural beauty
- Rural character
- Fishing family
- Environmental beauty
- Serenity
- Open space
- o Rural charm
- Quiet nature
- Access and abundance of water resources
- Woods and wildlife
- Themes of Economy
 - o Economic connections to ocean & seaside
 - Small scale commercial development
 - o Limited commercial development

<u>Small Group Discussions – Interesting Thoughts and Town Additions:</u>

Sustainability and Infrastructure

- Electric car sharing
- Public transportation year round
- No fertilizer
- No brush burning
- Add public transport
- Protect water
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle
- Pedestrian and bike crossing across Route 6
- Cluster zoning
- Regulate development on dunes

Community Building

- Community interest groups
- Better communication from Town Government
- Elder center
- Better access to health care
- Reduce divisiveness and increate community building and collaboration
- Include more fun Town events
- Multigenerational
- Better outreach for Town events through use of electric billboards or at Post Office
- Stronger relationships with State and Fed
- More shared decision-making

Economic:

- Create a rotating business schedule so businesses can stay open year-round
- Don't incentivize short term rentals
- Incentives for year-round businesses
- Keep taxes down and balance structure needs
- Improve food access year round
- Prioritize Town residents for Town employment

Recreational:

- Swimming Pool
- More recreational opportunities for youth and adults
- Support for youth to see a future here
- Build financial literacy
- Include cross-generational opportunities for yard work, trade jobs
- Better use of existing facilities pool tables at community center, more activities for all
- Marijuana shops?

Areas to Utilize:

- Air Force Base
- Town-owned property
- Integrate Walsh Property with nearby school
- Town's purchase of Noon's Point lots of possibilities