



Local Comprehensive Plan Committee Agenda

Remote Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2022 – 3:00 pm

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Minutes:

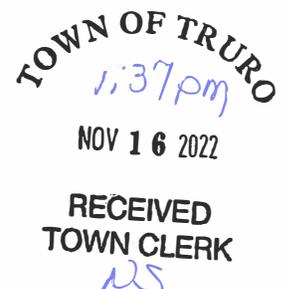
- ◆ Assignment of Today's Minutes
- ◆ Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2022
- ◆ Outstanding Minutes: None

Planner Update

1. Review and discuss draft vision and growth statement prepared by Tighe & Bond
2. Discuss updated timeline and create action plan for next steps

Next Meeting Date: Discussion

Adjourn



Local Comprehensive Plan Committee
Draft Minutes – November 7, 2022

Attending: Mara Glatzel – Chair; Ellery Althaus – Vice Chair; Chris Clark, Kait Blehm, Anne Greenbaum, Raphael Richter, Susan Areson (Select Board Liaison) – members; Barbara Carboni – Town Planner & Land Use Counsel; Sharon Rooney – Consultant, Tighe & Bond

-Chair called meeting to order at 15:02

-Motion to Approve October 24, 2022 minutes made by Member Blehm, seconded by Member Clark. All voted in favor, with one abstention (Areson).

-Planner Report – Barbara Carboni:

- Nov 17 event Open Space Committee event

- December 5 Walsh virtual event, December 8 Walsh school pasta dinner event

- “Bang the Table” online platform coming online soon.

-Public Comment – No public Comment

-Review & Update draft vision and growth statement prepared by Tighe & Bond

- Sharon Rooney provided an overview of various community input events/channels

- Chair Glatzel asked for everyone’s opinion on the draft info presented:

- Member Greenbaum thought it was good start. Emphasis that balance could be key to central theme. Noted Provincetown LCPC method that uses “mini-visions” such as “Provincetown Will...”

- Member Areson agrees with Member Greenbaum’s statements. General comment that every word in the vision statement is a necessary word. Avoid vague language such as “innovative”.

- Member Richter likes the start of the themes and agrees with balance need. Would be stronger in language around need for housing

- Member Clark asks about process, what is it? Sharon indicates it’s meant to be iterative, this is a first cut, and go back and forth. Additional drafts will emerge, when committee is comfortable then getting public input.

- Chair Glatzel asks how the actual iterative process works, who sends what back and forth? Sharon indicates it is up to the committee.

- Member Areson suggests we send Sharon detailed comments directly to produce next version, which avoids OML issues.

- Member Greenbaum suggests we figure out now through discussion what needs changes. Chair Glatzel agrees.

- Member Blehm likes the idea of each theme summarized more briefly and included in the LCP vision. Confirms that this iterative process will be followed for all future steps. Sharon says that vision should be broad and brief.
- Member Greenbaum says the vision statement is aspirational.
- Member Clark says it should be realistic.
- Committee had a robust and lengthy discussion on the specifics of the wording of the vision statement and growth policy, and decided on some changes to the draft language presented in the meeting packet.
- Chair Glatzel asks all Members to get comments directly to Sharon by Friday November 11.

-Discussion of Timeline and Process

-A discussion is had around the outreach to other committees. The value of soliciting written feedback vs in person feedback is discussed, and the timeline implications for each.

-It is agreed the priority committees to reach out to:

- Board of Health
- Cable & Internet Advisory
- Climate Action
- Commission on Disabilities
- Council on Aging Committee
- Economic Development
- Energy Committee
- Historical Commission
- Planning Board
- School Committee
- Walsh Property

-A discussion is then had around additional feedback on the goals and draft vision and growth policy statement.

-Chair Glatzel suggests the postcard outreach come to an end. Everyone agrees.

-Motion to adjourn by Member Areson seconded by Member Althaus. Unanimous vote yes, meeting adjourned at 17:01.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raphael Richter, Member

Community Vision

Truro's vision is to be an innovative, sustainable community with an economically and culturally diverse population. The vision for the LCP is to balance the needs of year-round residents for housing, economic opportunities, services, programs, and community infrastructure with the demands/stressors placed upon the town by a seasonal influx of people and economy. Housing solutions for year-round residents and seasonal employees is one of several critical needs to enable Truro to achieve viable levels of economic sustainability and growth and provide adequate community services while maintaining its unique qualities.

Truro recognizes the urgent local need for housing choice, affordability, employee housing, and seasonal housing as vital for ensuring a diverse, intergenerational year-round community and a balanced and robust local economy. Without prioritizing housing in this way, Truro will suffer from increasing lack of services, town staffing, and economic development. In addition to housing, community welfare and economic development will require attention to infrastructure such as stable internet, public transportation, and access to healthcare.

We treasure our beautiful, quiet, and spacious environment, bounded by Cape Cod Bay and the Atlantic Ocean with abundant natural, scenic and historic properties and landscapes, and we seek to retain these qualities that make Truro unique. Coastal resiliency and safeguarding Truro from future climate-related emergencies will be a top priority. Truro will continue to partner with the National Seashore to ensure stewardship of the land and local natural resources and to mitigate the local impacts of climate change.

Truro seeks community cohesion that embraces and encourages acceptance of all people and to improve collaboration and community-building in decision-making through an engaged, civil citizenry. Through transparency and accessible outreach opportunities, Truro seeks to encourage all of its citizens to participate thoughtfully and collaboratively to support mutual interests in the town that we love, as well as our mutual vested interest in all of the citizens who live here.

Growth and sustainability

Truro has limited capacity for future growth, especially with respect to existing developable land area, fresh water, infrastructure, and transportation. Truro will work with Outer Cape towns to address growth, while also considering the increasing influences of climate change on its homes, infrastructure and natural resources. For example, wastewater infrastructure must address existing freshwater quality problems and make timely responsible decisions to meet growing demands from future development.

Truro recognizes that to be a sustainable community, it will need to meet the housing, infrastructure, and services needs from both year-round residents and seasonal homeowners, workers and visitors. New development should be focused in areas that have existing or planned infrastructure, including, for example, water and wastewater, transportation, and reliable internet services. Truro recognizes the need for a safe, affordable and accessible year-round public transportation systems for all users. Truro will work with neighboring communities and regional organizations to build reliable transportation across the Outer Cape that serves the needs of our communities.