



Local Comprehensive Plan Committee In-Person Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 10, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Truro Town Hall

Select Board Chambers

24 Town Hall Road

Truro, MA 02666

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Open Meeting

Public Comment Period

The Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law limits any discussion by members of the Board of an issue raised to whether that issue should be placed on a future agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than 5 minutes.

Minutes:

- ◆ Assignment of Today's Minutes
- ◆ Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2023
- ◆ Outstanding Minutes: None

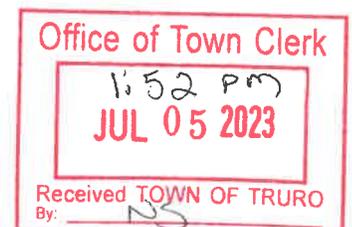
Planner Update

Discussion:

1. Discuss meetings with town staff about LCP draft
2. Discuss feedback from the 6/15 public forum

Next Meeting Date: Discussion

Adjourn



Local Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting Minutes for 6/27/2023

Committee Members in Attendance: Mara Glatzel, chair, Ellery Althaus, vice-chair, Kait Blehm, member, Susan Areson, Select Board Representative, Anne Greenbaum, Planning Board Representative, Barbara Huggins Carboni, town planner/land use counsel.

Others in Attendance: Bob Panessiti

Absent: Chris Clark

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 am.

Anne Greenbaum motioned to approve minutes from 6/05/2023. Susan Areson seconded. Anne, Kait, Mara, and Susan voted aye. Ellery abstained.

Discussion focused on:

- Presenting draft documents to town staff, tentatively scheduled for July 18-20, 2023.
- Existing Conditions Document

The next meeting is scheduled for 2 pm, July 10, 2023 at Truro Town Hall..

Sue Areson moved to adjourn. Kait Blehm seconded. All present voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Respectfully submitted, Kait Blehm

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VISION STATEMENT FEEDBACK

(This is all from a letter hand delivered from Laurie Lee (laurie@leesix.com))

Thank you for all of your hard work on this plan and for requesting questions, opinions and what we might feel you missed.

I admit that when I first read the draft, I thought it was an outline. It felt a little too much like a to do list than a vision for Truro

When I went back and reread the 2005 plan I realized what I believe is missing. To me, there is no sense of place in the new plan's vision. No "voice of the town" as was literally described into the old plan. No sense of truro culture. What it is like to live in Truro – what Truro feels like – no descriptive language to capture the beauty and the wildness, the small town feel, the art, the pace of life, the country roads that Truro is well known for.

What draws so many of us to live here?

And – how people thrive in this peaceful community and how lucky they/we feel to be able to stay or live here.

I understand that you will be adding details of current demographics and geography into the plan, but i am really talking about quality-of-life as opposed to the facts.

I heart/felt some of this sense of Truro when reading the analysis of the community survey that was filled out by many hundreds of us. I thought the answers as summarized clearly laid out what people love about Truro and what they want to see in the future. Somehow that has gotten lost here, for me, anyway.

I will note that it was difficult to find the survey analysis – and I finally found it embedded in a set of minutes. It would be helpful if it were available on the page with other information.

Lastly, it is hard to comment about the goals and objectives without a bit more detail. I'm assuming the body of work will include some specifics and examples? And it would be very helpful if you post your data sources on your committee page

Truro will work to protect the environment and address the impacts of climate change by:

Strongly encouraging energy conservation/reduction measures in all new development – this is too broad

Truro will support business/economic opportunities by:

It seems exclusive to only talk about tradespeople maybe include ALL people who have a desire to work in truro

Bullet points are too broad!

Need to add transportation and childcare

Develop a robust regional, state, national, private, and foundation relationships in order to build fiscal capacity and fundraising infrastructure to provide necessary resources for town capital and infrastructure needs.

Note: There may be a need to build town management resources or responsibilities to accomplish this objective.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES GENERAL FEEDBACK

Include in all planning requiring capital or infrastructure the sourcing of funding opportunities

T1 and T2 are too long with too many subcategories and much overlap

What's missing: shared language about stewardship

PUT IN WRITING: What is a goal? Objective?

Community Norms

Is there a better/more descriptive word for "norms"

We listen to understand the other issues and other person's perspective

Add: Be informed

N1 WATER RESOURCES

Wetland inventory

- Ecological function
- Overall health and condition

Mapping and zoning

- Review zoning

Technology

- Monitor and improve efficiency

Public education and resources

Climate change adaptation

Coordination of integrated management planning process with collaboration and partnership

- Pool resources and share knowledge

Enhance supply and keep water safe (how do we manage this?)

Need agreements with National Seashore

Housing decisions need to be made with water as priority

Look at consumption rate

“ “ full cycle – to recharge water supply

Maintain supply

Provide funding to upgrade septic systems and protect water supply

N2 OCEANS & BAY

What's missing:

- Good water supply requires no further human growth

Action steps:

- Slow building, no new businesses
- Encourage beach clean ups
- Use sustainable materials (ie. no plastic bags) when holding clean ups
- Consult with CCS for suggestions

Some people can't afford AI systems. They are essential through wetland areas, near the ocean and bay. Town can pay/help those who can't afford it.

The conservation commission regulates reserve areas already. There is no new building allowed in reserve areas.

Consult with center for coastal studies when enacting all objectives

N3 WETLANDS

Wetland inventory, ecological function, overall health and condition

USE TECHNOLOGY

Mapping and zoning – review zoning

Public education, awareness, monitoring, and research efficiency

Climate change adaptation

Long Term monitoring and review

Collaboration and partnership

Pool resources, share knowledge

N4 WILDLIFE & PLANT HABITAT

Need to consider what and how much fertilizer is used and create regulations (6 statements to this effect)

Create a way to report problems you see with plants or animals in danger

Information and resources for buying native grass or native plants at a discount (ex. A red cedar is \$300 for a plant)

How to balance wildlife and habitat goals with much overbuilding as Truro becomes a resort town (summer)

We have 70% of town land designated as national seashore

Have regulations on fertilizer use / ban round up

Guidelines around spraying for mosquitoes + ticks (truth about chemicals)

Rats – prohibit using bait boxes with chemicals impact the animals that eat them

Have these as guidelines that people can access

Develop a program for rodents and pests that uses natural products and best practices

Clean up pond on pond road

Free parking in Ptown for Truro's unlimited supply of water

Tax incentives for not mowing your yard, planting native grasses and plants, and pollinator gardens

C1 CULTURAL HERITAGE

Yes yes yes! Great goals, objectives, and action steps

Embrace the future of Truro's heritage (eg. sustainable farming)

Celebrate the present - eg. the high school grads

Celebrate the artists and writers here

Celebrate the self-employed/artisans of “old time” skills

Create an infrastructure to support not just celebrate our cultures

- eg. shared space for medical/dental
- Eg. farmer’s markets, more than 1x in summer only

AFB:

- Where?
- How do we define cultural heritage?
- Why is it important when there are so many other important issues
- Wampanoag consulted
- Recognized and celebrate oppressors/imperialists
- What is Truro’s historical cultural identity

C2 ECONOMY

Is it even possible to align Truro to the economic regional policy – given population, density, etc?

What are the current identified set-backs, zoning restrictions, liquor licenses?

What are the current incentives to businesses open in Truro? (tax incentives?)

Strategically review-monitor-implement economic development plan

Be realistic about what business Truro can support without substantial impact on existing infrastructure (water, traffic, schools)

Q: How will our town support a 25% increase in year round populations (eg. suggested at Walsh with increase to population)

Q: When most/many existing businesses are dependent on tourist dollars, how do these businesses stay open longer without tourism during the off season?

Q: Realistically can/will year rounders pay tourist prices for groceries etc?

Q: What are businesses that can thrive year round?

Action: Could be wise/useful to hold town forums to gather info towards figuring this out

Great: mentoring formal and informal.

C3 HOUSING

Definition of adequate in first goal

How do we define and conceptualize “density”

Where is the housing production plan? Does it exist?

Need more context on numbers – where did 260 units come from?

It would be smart to share a housing coordinator with wellfleet

Many of the ideas and opportunities by the walsh property will require funding over and above the funding possible by the town. It will require outside financial resources. Who is responsible for acquiring this?

State and local legislation needs to change

Housing choice legislation: address delay tactics and increase the pace for the development of affordable housing

We need to create community buy-in in relation to housing. How do we do this? How do we create a narrative that we can all agree on?

Truro needs a housing coordinator on staff due to the definite need for housing to sustain Truro in a viable way

Flip the community narrative around the need/desire for more affordable housing: how can we do it; not how can we stop it

What is driving 250 units – state does not penalize

This is a drain on water supply – where is the analysis of this

Do not have the plan for the HPP which makes this hard to follow

General policy for Cape Cod may or may not apply to Truro

Objective vs. goal is poorly defined

This section is repetitive and confusing

What does adequate mean for truro?

6/15 LCPC Public Forum GOALS & OBJECTIVES Feedback

What is the character of Truro we want to maintain or change?

How do we determine the level of density required to meet vision/goals?

What is the definition of density?

Do we have sufficient fresh water for 250 units?

Excellent use of land

Walkable neighborhoods

Where does the 250 goal come from

Need to better define the state requirements – is the state really requiring that number?

Framework needs some help! (Chris Rocca)

- Goals to objective to action structure is confusing
- Vision to goals to plans action would be a more functional framework
- Vision is not clear enough to drive/evaluate downstream work/plans/actions

Breakdown of specifics re: numbers in entirety for the entire town

Promoting space for businesses (involves economic development)

2B needs to be addressed

Does a housing coordinator need to be an action plan? Current opinion vs future opinions

Majority concur with and support most of the goals and actions

Creative ideas on home ownership (eg. rent to own)

B1 COMMUNITY DESIGN

Eco-friendly housing

- design/construct energy-efficient, green certified
- Rainwater harvesting
- Efficient insulation

Sustainable transportation

- Pedestrian-friendly pathways, bike lanes

6/15 LCPC Public Forum GOALS & OBJECTIVES Feedback

- Electric buses and shuttles
- Electric charging stations throughout community

Sustainable Water management

- Bio-retention ponds
- Low-flow fixtures and water efficient appliances

Renewable energy infrastructure

- Community solar farm/solar panels
- Wind turbines
- Micro grid system of renewable energy

Green building codes/standards

- Incentives or tax breaks for sustainable design
- Promote the use of sustainable materials

Smart town technology

- Smart grids
- Sensor networks/ data analysis
- Monitor energy consumption/air quality
- Intelligent street lighting
- Auto metal waste management systems
- Optimize resource use
- Improve efficiency

B2 COASTAL RESILIENCY

Too vague.

What are outer cape specific concerns – not general Cape concerns

Where else besides the Pamet are you focused on

Nothing about Beach Point or Shore rd?

This section is too high level in terms of goals but too specific in terms of plan and actions.

What is the town's floodplain bylaw? What needs to be updated?

Guideline for fences to protect bluffs? Bayside specifically

What is MVP? The doc is hard to to read given all of the references

Are there conflicting goals in terms of environment vs. human suffering?

B3 CAPITAL FACILITIES

What is the relationship between local, state, and federal funding resources as drivers for or supporters of the town's infrastructure and capital goals?

How can capital projects be phased into preserving Truro's rural character and its current and future population?

Is the economic model based upon the assumption that young families will replace current residents or will mature residents replace themselves?

Does the scale of projected housing exceed the need for affordable housing for Truro's current younger families?

Develop a robust regional, state, national, private, and foundation relationships in order to build fiscal capacity and fundraising infrastructure to provide necessary resources for town capital and infrastructure needs.

Note: There may be a need to build town management resources or responsibilities to accomplish this objective.

B4 TRANSPORTATION

Less curb cuts on rte 6 (encourage curb cuts on side roads)

Bike bridges (esp. By Walsh) / tunnels

More reliable buses (maybe free) running earlier and later

Expand bike trail (esp. At Walsh + TCS)

Town should acquire path between corn hill and great hollow

B5 ENERGY

Missing:

- 2050 energy requirement re: emission control
- Fed + state requirement for zero fossil fuels in 2050
- Financial assistance to manage migration to clean energy

6/15 LCPC Public Forum GOALS & OBJECTIVES Feedback

- Education + training on building alternate heating + cooling systems
- Stick + carrot to keep timetable
- How to convert homes without demolition (solutions required)
- Disaster planning - storms, hurricanes, insurance coverage, sea level rise

Disagree:

- Diverse supply! The only clean energy is “electric” but how it is generated can be diverse

B6 WASTE MANAGEMENT

Key problem: a majority of these people are just three people on the select board who control much too much

T1 COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY

Add:

- Realize the potential of intergenerational community
- Improve culture between part-time and year-round residents

1A:

- It's unclear whether the individual entities listed (school, library) can keep their own websites – linked to town website
- All in agreement that we support entities managing their own websites
- On centralized calendar: we suggest that entities submit key events to add to centralized website – ie. Concert, talks at library, important school events (concern about overwhelm)
- Suggest each entity has a link to their calendar and central website for all details
- Suggest to add “filter” feature to centralized website so on can choose on any particular visit to the website // the specific entities one is interested in

Support for 2A, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D & 4A

- Strongly support 2A & 2B community building is ESSENTIAL TO OUR TOWN'S HEALTH

1D:

- Instead or addition: use existing bulletin board on channel 18

Action steps:

- Find volunteers
- Create phone tree

6/15 LCPC Public Forum GOALS & OBJECTIVES Feedback

- Keep updating database
- Annually ask how to contact
- Ensure part-timers are always included
- Promote community- wide cooperation with and between part-timers and year-rounders

What does having a shared set of norms mean?

More direct feedback! Surveys! Sent to us for feedback

Google calendar has a function where you can “subscribe” to different types of calendars. So there could be a “sports”, a “music”, a “library” etc. and people could opt in to different ones and they are color coded.

Most important: Select board members and town manager have to be obliged to listen politely and speak politely and patiently. A lot of hostility and bad blood has developed over the last decade. How do you explain that? I don't know.

Respectful conversations must start with select board, ZBA and town manager!

It's hard to find staff, ideally staff hires would be communicative as part of their hiring process.

There should be an email for every elected person and every staff person. The emails for select board members have been removed from the website!

The website has been inadequate from the start. Eg. I've spend 20 minutes looking for an ATM date and gave up. Basic information is missing.

We don't share values, norms, or goals. We can't even agree on what “rural” means.

Charis should know the rules of order for Truro meeting.

Have a single item that describes all town issues and listed in one place on the website

Clarify the relationship between the select board and other elected/appointed committee with the town manager and staff

Town moderator should be informed of proper procedure and voting process

Collaborative! More engaged voters. Non-voters, can they be engaged?

How can two-way communications be set up? In person is always better!

Town manager needs to be engaged in the community

Utilize existing networks and location for feedback and advertising

6/15 LCPC Public Forum GOALS & OBJECTIVES Feedback

Add telephone communication

Volunteer to coordinate information access

Part-time residents feel disenfranchised (lack of ability to vote means no say in how they go

“Resident discounts” on taxes make it seem like the residents are “soaking” the part-time residents to pay for this

Them + us – much more pronounced in the part

We disagree with #3 respectful discussion – the discussion by town officials in particular has been rude

Not all part-time residents or residents are well-informed (no computers)

Jamaican and other minorities are not being recognized as a part of the town

Housing for the less affluent is a real problem and needs to be fixed

Empirical details of policy is much more important – means testing for taxes is way better than “resident only” tax breaks

Town needs to foster “love thy neighbors” policy

Affordable housing is not a long term solution since the resident might not be low-income

Remain transparent

May be unrealistic to get people access to available information

Try to be too nice/ consistent with process

Present legal constraints to info sharing

Quarterly meeting switch chairs of committees

Use multiple modes/location for communication (eg. printed copies of newsletter)

Challenge the basis for positions, sources of info or lack thereof

Welcome and encourage responsible questions – balance

6/15 LCPC Public Forum GOALS & OBJECTIVES Feedback

Provide govt. 101 class to all; create incentives to attend

Objectives 1B add newsletter

- Truro Talks newsletter so clear what it is

More opportunities for community to give direct feedback, e.g. surveys (not just sending school surveys to school mailing list, open up to all)

Develop an aging in place village program as part of national movement

Town website has senior survey from 2018

- 55-64 53.4%
- 65+ 46.6 %
- 75+ 26.4%
- $\frac{2}{3}$ of all Truro seniors live alone

We have population of competent, well resourced aged who should be able to develop aging in place program

More opportunities to volunteer for part time/non-resident on committees of importance. Benefit - more diversity and collaboration

Includes more opportunities everyone has a stake including part time residents because we all pay taxes

Improve search engine to find any document – all documents need to be easily accessed

Student government day

Transportation from homes and support for medical appointments

Senior day care

Consider joining Nauset Neighbors

A recent altercation at the last election was definitely not respectful. The staff had taken an action the volunteers were carrying out and a member of the town government made everyone feel uncomfortable.

Improvement of the working relationship between paid/hired staff and elected government members will set the tone for conductive conversation and communications. To the volunteers this appears to not exist now

The website currently has critical information such as important dates in numerous locations which often leads to conflicting information. A central calendar with dates for users to find information and it is easier to maintain and keep current by the staff.

Basic meeting facilitation training should be mandatory for all chairs and interested board members

T2 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Hire housing coordinator (11 statements to this effect)

Transportation for those who cannot drive

YEAR ROUND classes and workshops

Affordable grocery store available in North Truro year round

Build after school programs and open workspace opportunities for junior high and high school students – project space

Goal 2: this is particularly important for high school students bussed back to Truro in the afternoon. The library could be a good location for activities and classes for this purpose

Programs such as TCK should be embraced by the town.

What does a “hub” mean? Are we talking about volunteers?

Could COA outreach coordinator serve more than seniors?

Expand kitchen facility to better support community food programs

S.H.I.N.E / navigator at COA

Presumptive enrollment; all are eligible and may want to take advantage

These are our neighbors; collective responsibility, grass roots, neighbor helping neighbor

Acknowledge/support the role fo Truro PD/Fire; “encourage by doing,” celebrate!

Clarify the evolution of expectations; how have things changed; what gets lost

Take responsibility to continually assess needs; reach out to providers

6/15 LCPC Public Forum GOALS & OBJECTIVES Feedback

Adequate resource allocation

Everyone needs to know what's available; where, how?

We disagree with access to information. We think people are poorly informed about classes, workshops etc.

We disagree with who to contact within the town - VERY HARD NOW

Tap dancing and swing dancing = fun

We favor food security but MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE, including support from town

We like the idea of using the COA 7 days – we see improvement happening

Truro used to have many volunteers on town boards, joyfully performed. The change to anger and rudeness is a recent development

Roughly ½ the Truro population is over 65 – the town is not seriously addressing this

- Lack of funding to pay for more permanent COA personnel
- Need more services

You keep talking about admiring nature and then want to take “wild areas”, ie. in a natural state, and make “paths” – making them no longer wild. Why not just leave them alone? No paths.

Accept the fact that we are a seasonal community – the remoteness here has been a constant solace for those who seek it – keep Truro rural, please. No neat little suburban subdivisions.

Define the word “growth”

Support objectives

Make sure residents have access to town officials. Voice mail should never be full for days on end. Town hall should be open 5 days a week. And, when it's open, someone should be there to answer the phone

A single shared calendar should be available everywhere

Community bulletin board north truro post office

How can we get more engagement? Part time voters

Community services “hub”

- A paid person(s)
- Town calendar at chamber of commerce

6/15 LCPC Public Forum GOALS & OBJECTIVES Feedback

- Office, beach office, library etc

1B

- unclear: what do you mean by identified person
- Signage: should be alert specific or townwide initiative not to advertise (eg. employment opportunities)
- Community boards: NOT electronic, more like the payoment or cinema so people know where to check for info (outside of PO for example)

2A: proofreading: delete “wonderful” from the objective

3B:

- Enforcement of Truro meeting expectations for all participants (town officials as well as community members). The recent town meeting was an example of very disrespectful behavior on the part of certain town officials

Action steps:

2B:

- More fun community events
 - The swap shop is a great community hub and should be open to all truro residents, even those who have private trash pick up
 - Bring back the dump dance
 - More get togethers at the community center

Local Comprehensive Plan Public Forum

Thursday, June 15th

5 – 7 pm

Community Center

7 Standish Way, North Truro, MA 02652

Hello!

The Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) is an important planning tool used to guide the growth and direction of Truro while balancing a wide variety of needs, including economic growth, protection of environmental resources, quality of life and community character. The plan identifies the needs, goals and visions for the next 5-10 years of Truro's future and translates them into an implementation plan that can be carried out over time. The final document will include assessments of existing resources and issues, projections of future conditions and needs, and consideration of collective goals and desires.

At this juncture, we are inviting you to join us and provide feedback on the draft of the first two sections of the plan – the vision statement and the goals & objectives.

This packet includes the draft of these sections for you to peruse in advance of our 6/15 meeting.

The questions we would like you to keep in mind are:

What did we miss?

What, if anything, do you disagree with and why?

We are so looking forward to receiving your feedback at this meeting.

Thank you!

Local Comprehensive Plan Committee

TRURO VISION STATEMENT

Truro's vision is to be an innovative, sustainable community with a socio-economically and culturally diverse population of all ages. To achieve community sustainability, the vision for this LCP is to support the needs of year-round and part-time residents as well as seasonal employees for housing, economic opportunity, and public services while continuing to provide stewardship of Truro's land and natural resources upon which our community depends for its livelihood and way of life. Truro's top priorities for the next 5 – 10 years are as follows:

Truro will take action to address the severe housing crisis across a wide variety of demographics and income levels by:

- Encouraging community housing development at multiple sites throughout town.
- Ensuring environmental impacts are adequately addressed in all new housing development, including high quality wastewater treatment.
- Encouraging creative approaches including regulatory reform to support housing development.

built and natural

Truro will work to protect the environment and address the impacts of climate change by:

- Ensuring adequate, safe and reliable drinking water is available to meet future needs.
- Supporting municipal efforts to mitigate the Town's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and providing support for appropriately scaled and sited renewable energy projects.
- Seeking climate resilience by working with the Cape Cod National Seashore and other local, regional, state and federal partners to implement coastal adaptation measures.
- Strongly encouraging energy conservation/reduction measures in all new development.

Truro will support business/economic opportunities by:

- Supporting development of adequate space and housing opportunities for tradespeople to live and work in Truro.
- Supporting existing businesses and exploring creative ways to entice additional new businesses in Truro.
- Providing additional educational opportunities for future workers.
- Ensuring the availability of adequate support services including recreation and healthcare to allow Truro residents to live and work in Truro.

Truro will work with Cape communities to address regional infrastructure needs

by:

- Highlighting the contribution of Truro's historic, cultural and scenic features to the town's character, vitality and economy.
- Ensuring that planning and development respect Truro's incomparable heritage of buildings and other cultural resources in a distinctive natural setting.

- Working with Internet service providers, regional agencies and OpenCape Corporation to extend broadband and reliable Internet service to all users throughout Truro.
- Seeking improvements to the regional transportation system including pathways, sidewalks and year-round public transportation to improve safety, reliability, and mobility for all users.
- Focusing housing development in areas with existing or planned infrastructure, including water and wastewater, transportation, and reliable internet services.

Truro will support a collaborative community culture by:

- Ensuring that community conversations are respectful and constructive.
- Communicating with the public in ways that promote collaboration and cohesion among all citizens.
- Promoting events to engage and reach all generations throughout the year.
- Providing transparency in decision-making.
- Actively encouraging participation by part-time residents, seasonal homeowners and seasonal residents.

TRURO COMMUNITY NORMS

ONE PERSON SPEAKS AT A TIME

WE LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND THE OTHER PERSONS PERSPECTIVE

WE ASSUME BEST INTENTIONS

WHEN WE DISAGREE, WE DO SO WITHOUT BEING DISAGREEABLE

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan is focused on a suite of interrelated systems that comprise Cape Cod: natural, built, and community systems. Our Goals works uses this organizational structure. In addition, we have added an additional system that is Truro specific.

NATURAL SYSTEMS are an integral part of life on Cape Cod, providing drinking water and supporting the habitats and landscapes that draw people to the region, guiding development patterns, and driving the region's economy.

N1 – Water

N2 – Ocean/Bay

N3 – Wetlands

N4 – Wildlife & Plant Habitat

N5 – Open Space

BUILT SYSTEMS - the human-made physical elements of the region - allow for people to live, visit, and work on the Cape.

B1 – Community Design

B2 – Coastal Resiliency

B3 – Capital Facilities

B4 – Transportation

B5 – Energy

B6 – Waste Management

COMMUNITY SYSTEMS - the social activities and qualities of the region, including the economy and cost of living, which depends on the health of both the natural and built systems.

C1 – Community Design

C2 – Economy

C3 - Housing

TRURO SYSTEMS – Truro specific needs not included in the above systems.

T1- Collaborative Community

T2 – Supporting People

NATURAL SYSTEMS

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N-1 NATURAL SYSTEMS - Water Resources

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - 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.

LCP Water Resources Goal(s):

1. To maintain a sustainable supply of high-quality **untreated** drinking water and protect, preserve, or restore the ecological integrity of Truro and Cape Cod's freshwater resources.

LCP Water Resources Objectives:

1. Promote/encourage use of I/A systems and/or public wastewater treatment where needed to protect drinking water, ground water supplies and marine water quality.
2. Complete an integrated water resources management planning process to address environmentally impacted areas and future growth in a holistic manner (confirm w/Scott Horsley)
3. Seek support from Cape & Islands Water Protection Fund for wastewater infrastructure projects.
4. Plan regionally to identify potential new well sites for future water supply needs.
5. Recognizing most Truro homes will continue to use well water, Truro will be proactive in monitoring water quality.
6. Identify, develop and protect potential groundwater well sources and locations (*from Open Space & Recreation Plan, OSR Plan*)
7. Enact regulatory and planning measures directed at water resource protection via land use controls, financial and density incentives, stormwater management, and wastewater treatment strategies (*OSR plan*)

LCP Water Resources Action Plan

- Require all existing cesspools to be upgraded to Title V systems by the end of 2023.

- Adopt and publicize clear monitoring guidelines for private well water

N-2 NATURAL SYSTEMS - Ocean & Bay Resources

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - To protect, preserve, or restore the quality and natural values and functions of ocean resources.

LCP Ocean & Bay Goal(s):

1. Actively participate in regional and multi town efforts to contribute to protecting, preserving and/or restoring the quality and natural values and functions of ocean & Bay resources.

LCP Ocean & Bay Objectives:

1. Support recreational and commercial shell fishing in the harbor and elsewhere as appropriate.
2. Expand aquaculture where appropriate (ex. Pilgrim Lake)
3. Improve coastal marsh systems (also in coastal resilience B2 with Action Steps)
4. Support managed retreat for development in hazard areas (also in coastal resilience B2)
5. Develop strict coastal rebuilding standards that are incorporated into Town Bylaws ((also in coastal resilience B2)
6. Work with town/regional/county/state officials to oppose the dumping of radioactive water from the former Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant into Cape Cod Bay

LCP Ocean & Bay Action Plan

N-3 NATURAL SYSTEMS - Wetland Resources

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - To protect, preserve, or restore the quality and natural values and functions of inland and coastal wetlands and their buffers.

LCP Wetland Goal(s):

1. To protect, preserve, or restore the quality and natural values and functions of inland and coastal wetlands and their buffers, particularly the Pamet River system.

LCP Wetland Objectives:

1. Restore Eagle Neck Creek to improve ecosystem.
2. Protect the Pamet River, and where necessary restore it, to improve water quality, preserve associated natural ecosystems and maximize human enjoyment.

3. Implement Truro's floodplain bylaw (*also in Coastal Resilience B2*)
4. Enact regulatory and planning measures directed at water resource protection via land use controls, financial and density incentives, stormwater management, and wastewater treatment strategies (*also in N1, OSR plan*)

LCP Wetland Action Plan

N-4 NATURAL SYSTEMS -Wildlife & Plant Habitat

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal -. To protect, preserve, or restore wildlife and plant habitat to maintain the region's natural diversity.

LCP Wildlife & Plant Habitat Goal(s):

1. To identify, protect, preserve, or restore wildlife and plant habitat to maintain the Town's natural diversity.

LCP Wildlife & Plant Habitat Objectives:

- 1a. Protect federal and State-listed species by (reference current MESA list)
- 1b. Continue to work with CCNS on shorebird protection
- 1c. Protect vernal pools.
- 1d. Utilize dune restoration/beach grass planting to protect coastal dunes (*also B2 Coastal Resiliency*)

LCP Wildlife & Plant Habitat Action Plan

N-5 NATURAL SYSTEMS - Open Space

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal -. To conserve, preserve, or enhance a network of open space that contributes to the region's natural and community resources and systems.

LCP Open Space Goal:

1. Protect, and enhance the availability of, open space for its habitat, recreational and scenic values (*from OSP*)

LCP Open Space Objectives:

- 1a. Continue to develop a series of walking trails/interpretive educational trails and bike paths and/or support connections to these systems.

- 1b. Improve Truro's active and passive recreation opportunities for all segments of the population.
- 1c. Improve accessibility at all facilities, trails, etc. *(also Capital Facilities B3). (adapted from OSP)*

LCP Open Space Action Steps

- Use Community Preservation Act funds for acquisition, development and preservation of trails, scenic views and displays that complement building & development.
- New trails will integrate accessibility features.

COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

The social activities and qualities of the region, including the economy and cost of living, which depends on the health of both the natural and built systems.

C1 – Community Design

C2 – Economy

C3 - Housing

C1 COMMUNITY SYSTEMS - Cultural Heritage

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - To protect and preserve the significant cultural, historic, and archaeological values and resources of Cape Cod.

LCP Cultural Heritage Goal(s):

1. To protect and preserve the significant cultural, historic, and archaeological values and resources of Truro.
2. To celebrate the past current and future participation of the Wampanoag peoples in Truro.
3. Recognize, preserve and celebrate the impact of the generations of fisher folk, farmers, independent business owners, artists and artisans on the development of Truro, past present & future.

LCP Cultural Heritage Objectives:

- 1a. Establish a Cultural District, either Town Wide or focused on Payomet/Castle Hill
- 1b. Continue to support the preservation of significant cultural and historic resources,

including the rehabilitation of historic town buildings and documentation of historically significant buildings and areas (THC)

- 2a. Encourage educational and cultural events for all ages that celebrate the Wampanoag heritage in Truro & across Cape Cod.
- 2b. Change the Truro town seal, possibly incorporating the fishing and farming history (land/sea)
3. Create a summary of the personal/community values (Sprit of Truro) that have developed through the generations of those who committed to live in Truro, whatever it took. The generations of fisher folk, farmers, independent business owners, artists and artisans, those who worked multiple jobs to make it work.

LCP Action Steps

- Hold a Town wide competition to create a new Town Seal by November 1, 2024
- Integrate Wampanoag history, heritage & culture into the curriculum at the Truro Central School
- o **Explore creating local and/or National Register Historic Districts (THC)**

C2 COMMUNITY SYSTEMS -Economy

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - To promote a sustainable regional economy comprised of a broad range of businesses providing employment opportunities to a diverse workforce.

LCP Economy Goals:

1. To promote a sustainable seasonal & year-round local economy in Truro composed of a broad range of businesses providing employment opportunities to a diverse workforce.
2. Provide systems that support participation in the workforce including: social, educational, health, social service, recreation & transportation.

LCP Economy Objectives:

- 1a. Promote a range of formal and informal mentoring and networking opportunities for workers, managers, business owners. Organizations already providing some of these options include: CDP, CCYP, Truro Chamber of Commerce
- 1b. Seek opportunities to expand existing or develop new business sectors including shoulder and off season that draw on the expertise of existing businesses.
- 1c. Encourage community support for year-round businesses.
- 1d. Create incentives/support to encourage seasonal businesses to stay open longer in the season.

- 1e. Pursue infrastructure enhancements, especially Broadband, to support local businesses (EDC)
- 1f. Seek place-based economic development opportunities (e.g., Walsh, Highland Center, other) (EDC)
- 2a. Work with neighboring towns and the RTA to establish reliable year-round public transportation system to meet the needs of employers/employees (BW) (also B4 Transportation – keep in both)
- 2b. Continue to develop network of family services that support adult participation in the workforce:
 - Develop comprehensive set out of school time programs and services.
 - Provide support for continuation of early childhood program.
 - Provide support for family services (elderly parents, disabled family members, etc.)
- 2c. Build a network of educational/professional development opportunities to support a range of skill development.
 - Investigate ways to expand commercial space in town through zoning reform.
 - Pursue land use and regulatory changes that support economic development goals.

LCP Action Steps

C3 COMMUNITY SYSTEMS -Housing

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - 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.

LCP Housing Goals:

1. To promote the production of an adequate supply of ownership and rental housing for very low, moderate, and middle-income households, that is safe, healthy, and attainable for people with different income levels and diverse needs,
2. Truro is known as a Housing Innovator. Development includes a range of housing types for both rental and home ownership opportunities. Increased density of various levels is happening throughout Truro in a variety of creative ways that respect the environment.
3. Development of the Walsh Property, as described in the Housing Production Plan, includes a range of housing types and density levels that respect the environment.
4. Create seasonal housing options for employees of the Town and local businesses to support and sustain the seasonal elements of the local and regional economy more effectively (Housing Production Plan - HPP)

LCP Housing Objectives:

- 1a. Create differing types of affordable housing to meet and then exceed the State's goal of 10% of all housing being affordable to assure the stability, diversity, and growth of the community, with a minimum average of 20 units annually to reach to 2020 qualitative housing goal of 260 units by 2035 (HPP)
 - 1b. When possible, convert existing buildings into year-round affordable housing (HPP) **(inc. vacant historic structures such as former Mediterranean Restaurant)**
 - 1c. Create seasonal housing options for employees of the Town and local businesses to support and sustain the seasonal elements of the local and regional economy more effectively. (HPP)
 - 1d. Promote greater public awareness and understanding of Truro's housing crisis including encouraging enhanced housing advocacy by a broad cross section of the community to solidify and build community support for all future housing development efforts. (HPP)
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- 2a. Assure that all housing developed includes a diversity of housing types and sizes to respond to the full spectrum of need facing Truro (HPP) including affordable year-round housing for: families with children, senior housing options, and individuals with special needs, including accessible and supportive housing to respond to the diversity of need across population type (HPP)
 - 2b. Address housing needs in the gap between 120% AMI and 350% AMI to attract skilled tradespeople and professionals to Truro.
 - 2c. Build the capacity to review and change Zoning Bylaws to support development of affordable and community housing while protecting the environment.
 - 2d. Explore ways, including funding and technical assistance, to support those wanting to bring existing units into compliance.
 - 2e. Create an action plan for Truro to prevent the loss of existing year-round housing units when tenants move into newly created housing.

LCP Action Plan

- Create a Housing Coordinator position, preferably Full Time, but explore shared position with Wellfleet.
- Establish Ad Hoc Zoning Task Force committee to review and develop zoning articles to support housing goals.
- Explore the pros and cons of limiting short term rentals.

BUILT SYSTEMS

The human-made physical elements of the region that allow for people to live, visit, and work on the Cape.

- B1 – Community Design
- B2 – Coastal Resiliency
- B3 – Capital Facilities
- B4 – Transportation
- B5 – Energy
- B6 – Waste Management

B-1 BUILT SYSTEMS -Community Design

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal -. To protect and enhance the unique character of the region's built and natural environment based on the local context.

LCP Community Design Goal(s):

1. Preserve Truro's small-town & historic character while addressing the need for additional density to support a vibrant year-round community.

LCP Community Design Objectives:

1. Protect the existing greenway preserving the frontage along Route 6.
2. Integrate housing of various densities throughout Truro with the level of density taking into account area specific factors including water, natural features and history. (Also, in B5 Housing)
3. Increase & promote network of marked bicycle and walking trails (Open Space Plan, OSP)
4. **Protect and preserve the significant cultural, historic, and archaeological values and resources of Truro—both individual landmark buildings and historic neighborhoods and districts.**

LCP Action Steps

1. **Bring recognition to the contribution of Truro's built heritage to its character, vitality and economy.**
2. **Ensure that planning and development respect Truro's incomparable heritage of buildings and other cultural resources in a distinctive coastal setting.**
3. **Incorporate cultural and historic resource values into site plan reviews, special permit applications, and subdivision reviews and to coordinate such reviews with demolition delay review.**
4. **Encourage property owners to establish historic preservation restrictions (THC).**

B-2 BUILT SYSTEMS -Coastal Resiliency

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal -. 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.

LCP Coastal Resiliency Goal(s):

1. 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.

LCP Coastal Resiliency Objectives:

1. Work with town boards, other communities & regional agencies/organizations to support coastal resiliency efforts.
2. Develop town policies & bylaws concerning rebuilding/relocation in coastal dunes & flood areas including consideration of managed retreat in some areas.
3. Protect land within watersheds to Pamet River, ponds and other wetlands.

LCP Action Plan

- 1a Continue to participate in Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program
- 1b. Implement the Town's floodplain bylaw (*also in Wetlands N3*)
- 1c. Utilize dune restoration/beach grass planting to protect coastal dunes (*also N4 Coastal Resiliency*)

- 2a Support managed retreat for development in hazard areas through town regulations.
- 2b Develop town policies on strict coastal rebuilding standards that are incorporated into Town Bylaws (*Also in Ocean Resources N2*)
- 2c. Continue working with CCNS to protect Ballston Beach natural functions.

- 3a. Continue to protect the navigability of Pamet Harbor by conducting maintenance dredging.
- 3b. Complete temporary and permanent repairs to jetty.

B-3 BUILT SYSTEMS -Capital Facilities & Infrastructure

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - To guide the development of capital facilities and infrastructure necessary to meet the region's needs while protecting regional resources.

LCP Note - DPW Director Cabral input critical here.

LCP Capital Facilities & Infrastructure Goal(s):

1. To guide the development of capital facilities and infrastructure necessary to meet local and regional needs including:
 - a. Business & workforce
 - b. Educational
 - c. Cultural **and Historic**
 - d. Recreational
 - e. Transportation
2. Work with other communities and regional organizations/agencies to address issues that cross town lines.

LCP Capital Facilities & Infrastructure Objectives:

1. Work with other communities, individually & collectively, to address shared issues.
2. Expand broadband infrastructure to all parts of town.
3. Incorporate Universal Design in all new Town buildings and facilities.
4. Balance open space needs with other needs such as housing

LCP Action Plan

- Create an Ad Hoc Committee to consider regionalization of facilities where appropriate.
- Identify possible locations and funding for new facilities.
- Complete a recreational facility needs study (OSP)

B-4 BUILT SYSTEMS -Transportation

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - To provide and promote a safe, reliable, and multi-modal transportation system.

LCP Transportation Goals:

1. To provide and promote a reliable, safe, and multi-modal year-round transportation system for Truro's residents, business owners, workers and visitors.
2. Ensure that Truro's roadways are safe for all who use them – drivers, passengers, bike riders, pedestrians.

LCP Transportation Objectives:

1. Work with neighboring towns and the RTA to establish reliable year-round public transportation system to meet the needs of employers/employees (BW)
2. Develop walkways, bikeways, shared ways in areas of natural linkage & develop safe bike passage from Wellfleet to Provincetown borders.

3. Work with state partners to study and potentially reconfigure the area on Route 6 between Castle Road and South Hollow Road for safe and multi-modal access.

LCP Action Plan

- Prioritize areas of natural linkage for walkway/bikeway/shared ways.
Possibilities include:
 - Community Center/COA/Sally's Way to North Truro Center
 - Cloverleaf to North Truro Center
 - Truro Center – Farmer's Market, Post Office, Parking Areas, Depart Road/Castle Road businesses.
 - Walsh Property/Truro Central School
 - Other?
- Consider adopting Complete Streets policy for appropriate roadways (Bike & Walkways, BW)
- Review sidewalk recommendations from Bike/Pedestrian Survey (BW)

B-5 BUILT SYSTEMS – Energy

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - To provide an adequate, reliable, and diverse supply of energy to serve the communities and economies of Cape Cod.

LCP Energy Goal(s):

1. To provide an adequate, reliable, and diverse supply of energy to serve Truro's needs and support economic sustainability.
2. *Energy Committee currently discussing goals and objectives.*

LCP Energy Objectives:

1. Encourage & support individuals, businesses and town government to move away from fossil fuels.
2. Inform and engage citizenry, Town Government, other boards, and committees to participate in the stretch code adoption process and adoption of specialized opt-in code.

LCP Action Plan

- Educate business owners on the benefits of EV charging stations and on the EV charger installation process via information sheets and direct mailing (Climate Action Committee, CAC)
- Work with Cape Light Compact to promote energy audits & rebate programs (CAC)

B-6 BUILT SYSTEMS -Waste Management

Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan Goal - To promote a sustainable solid waste management system for the region that protects public health, safety, and the environment and supports the economy.

LCPC Note - DPW Director Cabral input critical here.

LCP Waste Management Goals:

1. To promote a sustainable solid waste management system for Truro that protects public health, safety, and the environment and supports the local economy.

LCP Waste Management Objectives:

1. Educate the public on new laws around waste bans.

LCP Action Plan

TRURO SYSTEMS

Truro specific needs not included in the above systems.

T1- Collaborative Community
T2 – Supporting People

T-1 TRURO SPECIFIC - Collaborative Community

LCP Collaborative Community Goals:

1. Truro residents, full & part time, are actively engaged in town issues/government.
2. There is a shared sense of Truro as a community across the various populations.

3. Discussions about issues in Truro are respectful, constructive and focused on the issue.
4. There are 2-way open lines of communication between the community & Town staff.
5. We work collaboratively with other communities and entities to explore regional solutions to meet community and regional needs.

LCP Collaborative Community Objectives:

- 1a. Town website functions as a central hub for all Town entities including Truro Library, Truro Central School etc.
- 1b. Communication from the Town is conducted through a variety of ways:
 - Electronic
 - Website
 - Truro Talks
 - Boards specific email opt ins.
 - Facebook & other social media
 - Hard Copies
 - Flyers/Posters at major community centers – COA, Library, School, Post Offices etc.
 - Signage
 - Electronic Road Signs
- 2a. There are increased opportunities for the community to come together across various populations throughout the year.
- 3a. Positive communication skills for children and adults are taught starting but not ending at Truro Central School.
- 3b. Town staff and Board members model positive communication & respectful communication
- 3c. We as a community have a shared set of norms.
- 3d. Chairs run meetings that are safe for all points of view.
- 4a. Town staff are engaged in the community.

Action Steps

- 1a. The Town website is redesigned to provide to include to all Town entities. The website will be user-friendly, accessible to users of different abilities.
- 1b. The website will include a calendar that includes events/meeting of all Town Departments, Boards & entities including Truro Library & Truro Central School.
- 1c. Create a “How to Stay Informed” document that is available through all the previously mentioned ways.
- 1d. Explore electronic signboard for the Truro Post Offices
- 2a. Identify the topics that unite Truro folks across the population.
- 2b. Create a variety of cross cultural/multi-generational events.

- 2c. Build annual calendar of Community Events
- 3a. Town adopts positive Code of Conduct that establishes clear expectations of behavior for all Town Staff, members of Boards, Committees, Commissions and members of the Public who participate in town events and meetings.
- 3b. Town provides Basic Meeting Facilitation Training available to all Chairs and interested Board members.
- 4a. Town Departments host community events
 - On site Open House
 - Shared Information Sessions with food at Library

T2 TRURO SPECIFIC–Community Support

LCP Community Support Goals:

1. Through the Town, Truro residents of all ages have access to information about and linkage to a range of health and social services.
2. There is a wide range of classes, workshops, special events, youth & adult sports and fitness activities available days, weekends & evenings.

LCP Community Support Objectives:

- 1a. There is clear, easily accessible information on the Town website as to who to contact for this information.
- 1b. There is an identified person easily available to Town residents.
- 1c. Food security programs are supported by the Town
- 2a. Fully program the wonderful space at the Community Center/COA 7 days a week
- 2b. There is a single shared calendar of these activities whether run by the Library, TCS, Recreation Department or other.

LCP Community Support Action Plan

- Explore expanding Role of COA Outreach Coordinator to serve all Truro residents.
- Complete an analysis of social services needs in Truro and make recommendations for the next steps within 3 years.

QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT EVENT

What's missing?

What do you disagree with & why?

What suggestions do you have for action steps?

What other feedback do you have?

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TRURO ENERGY COMMITTEE MEMO

To: Local Comprehensive Planning Committee
Date: May 27, 2023
Subject: Feedback and Input on Truro Vision Statement in LCP

Thank you for taking the time to brief our committee on the LCP and your committee's goals, especially as it relates to energy.

Attached are suggested edits to the Vision Statement that we recommend.

We thought we'd take a few words to explain some of our thinking behind some of these suggestions.

Insertion of "tourists and" recognizes the significant difference between a "tourist" (coming up once a year for up to a few weeks) and a "part-time resident" (full summers, spring breaks, etc.) They're really different classes and they should be listed separately. Tourists have different community needs and contributions.

Change "address the severe housing crisis" to "promote housing". There's an *expressio unius* issue here: If you label housing as a 'severe crisis' then by implication you're stating that the environment, the economy, the infrastructure, and the cohesion of the community (the other categories) are neither a 'crisis' nor 'severe' (claims many would strenuously disagree with). Much better (and ultimately more effective) to be straightforward in the categories, recommendations, and presentation without rhetorical flourish.

Add "and encouraging town residents and businesses in efficiency and generation efforts." We think the town certainly should encourage this. It's a particularly good objective given that those residents and businesses that increase efficiency and self-generation are often doing so at an advantageous financial return.

Add "Designating town land to recreational/naturalist uses whenever possible." This has to do with the fundamental nature of Truro as a community, the self-selection of those people who choose to be part of this community as opposed to other communities on the Cape or elsewhere. It also ties into the economic aspect of the eco-tourism destination: hiking trails, bike paths, and walking trails are selling points for communities in commanding high tourism pricing (which in turn supports the community financially and allows the implementation of the other goals), particularly in the off-season (below).

Add "Continuing support of Truro as an 'eco-tourism' destination maintaining the foundation of the Truro economy and expand awareness of Truro's appeal in the off-season as well." Two points in play here -- The first one we've framed in terms of business opportunity and think that even if you limit analysis of Truro to financial metrics, we should be focusing on our economic comparative advantage and that comparative advantage is our ecological and naturalist

backdrop. It's an advantage that has two interesting aspects: the first is that it cannot be replicated. There is no other community on the Cape that can or reasonably can put itself into a position to claim the level of natural beauty we have in Truro. The related point is that this is an attribute that, like trust, cannot easily be regained if lost.

Although this point is in the economic/business section it also has to do with the fundamental nature of Truro. Our community members are drawn to Truro when they could go to Eastham or Chatham or Sandwich or Orleans, and the difference is that Truro maintains its natural beauty so much more so than any other part of the Cape. This is the thread that binds us together and it is a thread grounded in the physical reality of the land of our town and recognized by the recent town-wide survey.

The second point added has to do with expanding Truro's economy. The tourism economy is pretty close to saturation during the peak season and so, like ski communities, our natural route to economic expansion is to look at enticing visitors during the off-season—shoulder season visitors, Fall visitors when the beaches are wide open for walking, etc.

Changing "for tradespeople to live and work in Truro" to "specifically set aside for occupancy by tradespeople who live and work in Truro." If the goal is really to promote workforce support for Truro then the response has to be specifically targeted and set aside for Truro's business' employees. Otherwise, we'll just be building housing for Provincetown, Wellfleet, and Eastham and that doesn't do much of anything to improve Truro's economy.

"Maintaining the low real estate tax rate of Truro to support local residents and businesses." Truro's rate has historically been low and keeping taxes low is one of the best things you can do to provide stimulus to an economy.

Change "address regional infrastructure needs by" to "improve regional infrastructure by"-- seems more descriptive.

Added "Working to improve the electrical grid capabilities and resiliency, including microgrid and storage capacity." These seem like the two significant 'reach points' for the grid.

Changed "reliable Internet services to all users throughout Truro" to "reliable Internet services where desired in Truro." We may not need (or want) internet or cell phones to work on Longnook Beach for example. High end over-worked and over-networked professionals prefer going on vacation to places where their cell phones don't work—it's an almost unbelievably powerful marketing tool. Again, you can always use your cell phone on a beach in Harwich or Chatham or Nantasket or Jones Beach or the Jersey Shore—the isolation is what sets us apart in a good way as a destination town.

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Truro Vision Statement

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Truro will take action to promote housing across a wide variety of demographics and income levels by:

- Encouraging community housing development at multiple sites throughout town.
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LCPC RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

1. Establishment of a swim Program for Truro - either at a local pond or at Corn Hill
2. Construction of Truro Tennis Courts (outfitted to double as a roller rink).
3. Construction of Truro Public Basketball Court (separate from the school)
4. Prioritization of Updates to Snow's field (Provincetown's planned updates to Motta field could be an example/roadmap, in conjunction with update plans from several years ago that were never implemented).
5. Investment in local water sports instruction programs and resources (sailing, kayaking, etc.).
6. Enhancement of the "bike-ability" of Truro (better and more protected bike lanes on busy streets, sidewalk areas, bike trails).
7. Designation of resources for a physical area/facility as well as programming for tween/teen residents of Truro, specifically.
8. Construction of a Splash Pad and shaded outdoor recreation space for public use.