

TRURO LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE (LCPC)
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2018 - 5:00pm
Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Chris Clark, Morgan Clark, Ellery Althaus, Claudia Tuckey, Jay Coburn, Steve Sollog, Martha Nagy, Cally Harper (Absent: Eric Jansen)

Wetlands Section – review the 2005 Local Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5, “Wetlands”. This discussion will also carry over into the next LCPC meeting.

Ms. Harper reviewed the Wetlands Chapter in the 2005 Truro LCP and prepared a list of needs, issues, bright spots, goals and actions that were identified in the 2005 plan. The LCPC reviewed the list.

Mr. Clark noted that the 2005 Wetlands Chapter is about how people use wetlands and does not include basic information about wetlands in Truro. The Committee agreed that this Chapter should include information on the following topics: location of ponds in Truro, water quality of ponds, problem areas, maps of the wetlands associated with the Pamet River, ecological benefits of Truro ponds, location of vernal pools, protection and developmental history of ponds in Truro, roles and responsibilities of the Cape Cod National Seashore, and highlight the recreational elements of ponds and wetlands. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Tuckey also mentioned that the Wetlands Chapter should include visuals and maps. Mrs. Clark also mentioned that the LCPC should include information on eutrophication and nitrogen loading. She also mentioned that there is water testing data available from the County and from Seashore.

The LCPC noticed that the Wetlands Chapter focuses on the Pamet River and they discussed Ballston Beach. Mr. Clark and Mr. Coburn mentioned recent work at Ballston Beach – removing the old jeep from the dune, Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies research on the dune system at Ballston and how it is affected by storm events, and the removal of parking spaces. The LCPC agreed that Ballston and the Pamet should be mentioned in the Wetlands Chapter. Ms. Harper said that there might be overlap with the Coastal and Marine Chapters in the LCP. Mrs. Clark suggested that the LCPC draft a Case Study on the Pamet River and include information on the wetland, coastal, and wastewater aspects of the River and refer to the Case Study in other LCP Chapters. Mr. Clark mentioned that the LCP should include a matrix showing how the issue areas overlap with respect to the Pamet River. Mr. Sollog and Mrs. Tuckey mentioned septic systems and cess pools and noted that wastewater infrastructure should be mapped and included in the Case Study on the Pamet River and it should be noted how this infrastructure effects the water quality of the river.

Mr. Coburn and Mr. Althaus requested that the Herring River Restoration project be included in the update of the LCP. Mr. Althaus stated that the project is predominantly in Wellfleet, but it could create new wetlands in Truro.

Mrs. Clark pointed out that the LCPC did not discuss stormwater at this meeting, but it should be included in the updated LCP.

Submitted by,
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