

TRURO LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2018 - 5:00pm
Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Chris Clark, Ellery Althaus, Morgan Clark, Eric Jansen, Claudia Tuckey, Steve Sollog, Cally Harper

Ms. Harper reviewed the Water Resources Chapter in the 2005 Truro LCP and prepared an outline of the Water Chapter for the new LCP. The outline contained information on water science, water resources mapping, history of water resources in Truro and a list of relevant literature. Ms. Clark asked if there was beach closure data that could be incorporated into the plan. Ms. Harper responded that she would check with the Truro Health Agent, Emily Beebe.

The Committee also reviewed "bright spots" or successful activities that the town has been working since 2005 which included: early conversations with Provincetown for sewer infrastructure, the repair of the culvert at East Harbor, and the installation of rain gardens at the Truro Public Library.

The Committee discussed issues or problems with respect to water resources. The Committee mentioned that the top issues for Truro with respect to water resources are the lack of town-wide sewers, water treatment and the removal of Nitrogen. Discussion ensued about well water, salt water intrusion and the quality of drinking water in Truro. Several members mentioned the well testing study conducted by Silent Spring Institute.

Ms. Clark suggested adding a goal about educating the public on pesticide use and application. The Committee reviewed the action items for the new LCP and again, it was brought up that public and commercial use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers should be reduced through a diligent education effort. The Committee also discussed permeable pavements and rain gardens. It was suggested that another goal of the new LPC should be to increase the amount of permeable pavement in town, especially along Beach Point.

The Committee reviewed the list of stakeholders and the following groups will be added: Provincetown Water Department, Provincetown Department of Public Works, Provincetown Conservation Commission, Barnstable Count Health Department, and Silent Spring Institute.

