

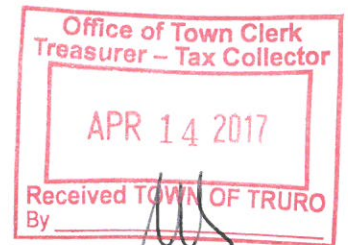
Open Space Committee, October 6, 2015, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Tony Hodgins, Nick Norman, Bill Golden, David Dewitt, Janice Parky **Others Present:** Charleen Greenhalgh

Members Absent: Bill Golden

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

Review of 2015 Open Space and Recreation Goals:



Goal 1: Preserve and enhance the availability of open space in order to provide wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, and protect the natural resources, scenery, and character of Truro. (Consistent with the overall goal for Barnstable County, as expressed in the CC Regional Policy Plan, 2012).

Objective 1: Use Community Preservation Act funds for parcel purchases.

Objective 2: Place CR's on public and private open space for added protection.

Objective 3: Create network of marked bicycle and walking trails with detailed maps.

Goal 2: Maintain the town's historic and rural character, by reducing density, securing future well sites, developing a Route 6 greenbelt, protecting wildlife and endangered species, and providing additional passive recreation areas.

Objective 1: Use Community Preservation Act and other available funding sources for parcel purchases.

Objective 2: Place CR's on public and private open space for added protection.

Objective 3: Designate "Scenic Roads" under MGL C40 S15c.

Goal 3: Ensure that continued residential development does not destroy key open lands that are important for ecosystems, view sheds, rural and historic character, or access ways for the general public.

Objective 1: Increase public awareness of the importance of open space.

Goal 4: Continue to develop active and passive recreation opportunities that serve all segments of Truro's diverse population.

Objective 1: Implement recently approved improvements at Snow's Field.

Objective 2: Establish safe bike routes cooperatively with other groups.

Objective 3: Create more active and passive recreation opportunities, with emphasis on the highest priorities identified during the public participation process.

Objective 4: Improve handicapped accessibility at all facilities.

Objective 5: Improve beach parking areas.

Discussion included the possibility of designating "Scenic Roads", including, Collins Road, Old County Road, Depot Road, North and South Pamet Roads, Long Nook Road and Prince Valley Road. Ms. Greenhalgh advised that this would need ATM approval. Also discussed was handicap access to future walking trails.

Review of Open Space and Town Owned Properties: Ms. Parky mentioned the annual (skipped last year) site visit to prune/maintain Poor's Hill as a heathland habitat. Mr. Dewitt reported that the overgrowth on the hill was minimal and no pruning was necessary. Ms. Parky volunteered to join the TCT on their next site visit to the hill.

Goals and Topics for the Coming Year: Mr. Norman expressed interest in the abandoned Fore 'N Aft motel on Beach Point. Ms. Greenhalgh informed the committee that the State had visited the property and the Attorney General's office has send a letter to the property owners requesting the property be cleaned up. Mr. Dewitt advised that the committee needs to make sure the properties we currently are properly maintained. Our next meeting will include checking the current Open Space properties list and scheduling site visits. Mr. Norman asked if we can make a site visit a meeting of the committee, Ms. Greenhalgh affirmed, as long as they are advertised.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 2:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 2:35

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky