

Truro Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2016
Truro Town Hall
Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen

Attending: Lisa Maria Tobia, Steve Sollog, Jack Riemer, Bruce Boleyn Absent: John Hopkins, Mike Roderick, Peter Herridge (all excused)

Ms. Tobia called the meeting to order at approximately 5 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to identify the next steps with respect to a community meeting to discuss the Seashore District.

Ms. Tobia reviewed a summary of points concerning a possible format for the community meeting that would include broad planning topics, including the issues to be addressed by the draft bylaw.

Mr. Coburn commented that he liked the approach.

Ms. Worthington also liked the approach, but thought it should not address townwide issues.

Mr. Wisotzky also preferred to have the focus kept on the Seashore District. He liked the idea of engaging people in a discussion about interests and not positions, which is achieved by starting with broader questions.

Ms Burgess noted that an alternative approach to the meeting would be to focus on the proposed bylaw. She felt the list of topics listed by Ms Tobia was too broad and could lead to lack of consensus. She also felt the Local Comprehensive Plan already establishes the importance of the Seashore District, and this does not need to be reconsidered.

Mr. Coburn offered that the LCP was nearly ten years old and questions such as the importance of the Seashore District need to be discussed publicly.

All agreed that the list of questions could be refined.

Mr. Steinman was asked to address the Board and he reviewed the importance of the proposed bylaw change, noting the number of properties in the Seashore District. He questioned whether the Accessory Dwelling unit should be included in the community discussion.

Mr. Coburn offered that the accessory dwelling unit should be discussed because so many properties in the Seashore District could accommodate such a unit.

Ms Palmer suggested inviting Town Counsel to the community meeting so that he could hear the feedback. She also said she would send the draft proposal to Town Counsel in advance of the meeting.

A date of August 8th was set for the community meeting. A subcommittee of Mr. Wisotzky, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Riemer, Ms Tobia, Mr Steinman, Ms Palmer and Ms Ridley would assemble to plan the meeting and public outreach.

Prepared by: Carole Ridley

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Black".

Katherine Black

