

TRURO PLANNING BOARD

Meeting/Work session

July 20, 2022

Attending: Anne Greenbaum – Chair; Rich Roberts – Vice Chair; Jack Riemer – Clerk; Paul Kiernan, Bruce Boleyn, Ellery Althaus, Caitlin Townsend – members

Barbara Carboni – Town Planner/Land Use Counsel

Meeting Called to order at 5:02 pm

No public comments

Minutes

- today's meeting – Anne Greenbaum
- May 18, 2022 – Motion to approve – Jack Riemer, Second – Caitlyn Townsend
Approved 6-0 Paul Kiernan absent from that meeting & abstained

Site Visit Procedure – Discussion of possible change from scheduled group visit with applicant representative to individual site visits

Barbara Carboni – concerns with group visit:

1. Violates spirit of Open Meeting Law
 - a. Questions to applicant and responses provide information to attending Board members that takes place outside of public meeting and is part of the deliberative process
 - b. That the group process is helpful to members confirms this and does not justify continuing to do so
2. Communicated with a number of Cape & Island Town Planners
 - a. Almost unanimous that group visits are Not Best Practice

Discussion

- Been practice of the Truro Planning Board for 30 years
- Helpful to have some there to help identify location of specific points on site plan
- Valuable discussion
 - Town Planner – don't disagree that discussion gives Board members good information. But that doesn't change that it is OML violation. Better informed Board does not mean it is a reason to violate OML.
- Safety concerns
 - Going individual, especially if terrain is challenging
 - Helpful to have something to identify members as official – ID card or ?

Decision – 3 visit trial of individual visits then discuss

- Barbara Carboni looking at Business Card or ?
- If concerns with safety can go with 1 other member



Choke Point Update

- Discussion of Choke Point identified by Mr. Kiernan between approximately Hillside Farms & Fisherman's Road
 - Walsh property provides opportunity to create emergency alternative
 - Memo has been sent to Walsh Committee and LCPC
- Question raised as to whether Old King's Highway & Old Outermost Road provides or could provide this alternative access
- Planning Board has raised the issue and potential solutions and communicated to appropriate parties (Town Manager, Public Safety, Walsh & LCPC committees).

Discussion of Developing Potential Articles for ATM 2023

Will continue at next meeting – Questions to use in reviewing articles from last year & potential new articles to determine what to focus on

1. Is this issue of high importance to the Town? If yes,
2. Is this issue within the purview of the Planning Board? If yes,
3. Do we **need** to be the mover on this issue? If no, should we pass on the topic & if so to whom? If yes,
4. Who do we need to reach out to immediately, Town Boards/Town Department to work with us on it?

Select Board Goal #11 states the Select Board will send a letter to the Planning Board by the end of December outlining the Select Boards priorities in the areas of housing, zoning, land use and economic development. Receiving that in December is too late to impact articles for ATM 2023. Chair to reach out to John Dundas our Select Board liaison with this concern.

Motion to adjourn – Jack Riemer, Second – Bruce Boleyn
Vote 7-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Greenbaum

