LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE CHARGE

In accordance with the Truro Town Charter, Chapter 6-4-4, the Board of Selectmen hereby establishes the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

PURPOSE:

The Local Comprehensive Planning Committee (LCPC) will work with staff to conduct a thorough revision and update to the Truro Local Comprehensive Plan that was last updated in 2005. The goal will be to have a finalized Local Comprehensive Plan by January 2018.

APPROACH:

The LCPC will design and implement a planning process that is inclusive and utilizes various methods to gather information from the diversity of stakeholders in the Town of Truro. The process will be open, transparent and informed by the Values Statement contained in the Board of Selectmen’s Annual Goals. All meetings of the LCPC will be held in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws. The LCPC will utilize the process of planning as a means to generate community consensus on a host of issues that confront the Town such as affordable and community housing, land use, community sustainability and environmental protection. The LCPC process will be data driven. The LCPC will produce a final plan that is a living document that will be used to regularly inform the direction of Town administration and services as well as policy development by the Board of Selectmen and it’s appointed Boards, Committees and Commissions.

PHASES:

The process to create a new LCP will divided into four phases.

Phase 1: The LCPC will review the RPP to ensure they are familiar with it and how it will inform and guide the Truro LCP. The LCPC will catalogue and review existing plans both in final and draft form developed by and for the Town of Truro. These include but are not limited to the Open Space and Recreation Plan, Affordable Housing Production Plan and the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan as examples. As there are several approved plans within the Town of Truro and others in the draft stages, it is important for the LCPC to understand each of these plans and how they will/can be utilized. The product of this phase will be: an inventory of existing plans; identification of available data that is relevant and current; an identification of gaps and needs for additional data; a plan for collecting additional data,
community input and consensus development; and, a draft outline of the plan. Target date for completion of Phase 1 is DATE.

Phase 2: The majority of Phase 2 will be data collection and consensus building. Target date for completion of Phase 2 is DATE.

Phase 3: The LCPC will create a draft LCP. The draft plan will be shared with the Board of Selectmen for feedback as well as being presented at a public meeting or community forum for input from the community. Target date for completion of Phase 3 is DATE.

Phase 4: The LCPC will incorporate feedback on the draft plan in order to create a final document that will be presented to the Board of Selectmen in January 2018.

MEMBERSHIP:

The LCPC will be comprised of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. This will include a member of the Planning Board and one member of the Board of Selectmen. In its appointments the Board of Selectmen will consider the three resource grouping categories for planning activities contained in the RPP to inform selection of LCPC members. These categories are Growth Management Systems (Land Use and Economic Development), Natural Systems (Water Resources, Coastal Resources, Marine Resources, Wetlands, Wildlife and Plant Habitat and, Open Space and Recreation) and Human/Built Systems (Transportation, Waste Management, Energy, Affordable Housing, and Heritage Preservation and Community Character.)

STAFFING:

The LCPC will be staffed by the Town Manager or her designee. Other Town Staff may be made available to the LCPC by the Town Manager. In addition, the LCPC is encouraged to use the resources of the Cape Cod Commission and Barnstable County in order to facilitate and inform the development of the plan.

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