



Local Comprehensive Plan Committee Remote Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 9, 2022 – 3:30 pm

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Open Meeting

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Meeting link: <https://meet.goto.com/780739477>

Public Comment Period

The Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law limits any discussion by members of the Board of an issue raised to whether that issue should be placed on a future agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than 5 minutes.

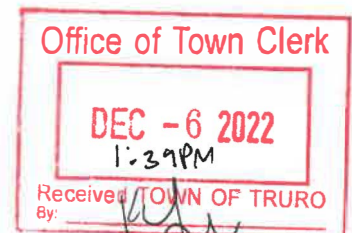
Minutes:

- ◆ Assignment of Today's Minutes
- ◆ Approval of Minutes
- ◆ Outstanding Minutes: None

Review and discuss draft vision and growth statement prepared by Tighe & Bond

Next Meeting Date: Discussion

Adjourn



Local Comprehensive plan committee

Meeting minutes for Nov. 21, 2022

Committee members attending: Mara Glatzel, chair, Ellery Althaus, vice-chair, Christopher Clark, Kaitlin Blehm, Susan Areson, Select Board representative, Anne Greenbaum, Planning Board representative

Absent: Raphael Richter

Truro staff/consultant attending: Barbara Huggins Carboni, town planner/land use counsel; Sharon Rooney, LCPC consultant

Others attending: Bob Panessiti, representing the Economic Development Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

Members unanimously approved the minutes of Nov. 7, 2022.

Planner Carboni reported that the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee will have a virtual forum on Dec. 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. and an in-person event on Dec. 8 at the Truro Central School to gather community ideas for use of the Walsh property. She also reported that Katy Ward, communications director, is updating the Walsh and LCPC pages on the town website.

Consultant Sharon Rooney presented a draft of a vision statement and growth policy for the LCP, saying she tried to incorporate all the comments submitted by members.

Members had varying opinions on the draft and discussion focused on:

- Housing as the LCP's main focus for the next five to ten years. Most members believe that it should be the lens through which we focus all aspects of the plan.
- How to present a "housing-forward" statement while still acknowledging a balance with the need to protect natural resources and the environment.
- Whether the vision statement should be a sentence or two, followed by a series of bullets to cover key points.
- The tension between open space and development, given the large amount of land protected by the National Seashore.
- How to define "respectful" in community conversations in a way that all can accept.
- The effect that higher density will have on the environment and the community.
- How protection of the environment can be and has been used to prevent development.
- The socioeconomic effects of the lack of affordable places for tradespeople, public workers and families to live.

Members worked on fleshing out the interrelated main topics for the vision statement: providing housing while protecting the environment/natural resources, addressing impacts of climate change, supporting community culture, addressing regional needs and supporting business and economic development. Each topic contained multiple bullet points.

Sharon Rooney made editing changes based on the conversation and suggested that members meet soon to review an updated version, which she will provide.

Members discussed the various other reports that will be referenced in the LCP, many of which will have action plans. These include the Housing Production Plan, the Economic Development Committee report, the Climate Action Committee's work, and the Walsh committee master plan. While the LCP will reference all of these plans, members want the LCP to be the primary source for the town's vision and action plans.

Members agreed to meet next at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, to review a new draft of the vision statement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Areson

Truro Vision Statement

Truro’s vision is to be an innovative, sustainable community with a socio-economically and culturally diverse population of all ages. To achieve community sustainability, the vision for this LCP is to support the needs of year-round and part-time residents as well as seasonal employees for housing, economic opportunity, and public services while continuing to provide stewardship of Truro’s land and natural resources upon which our community depends for its livelihood and way of life. Truro’s top priorities for the next 5 – 10 years are as follows:

Truro will take action to address the severe housing crisis across a wide variety of demographics and income levels by:

- Encouraging community housing development at multiple sites throughout town.
- Ensuring environmental impacts are adequately addressed in all new housing development, including high quality wastewater treatment.
- Encouraging creative approaches including regulatory reform to support housing development.

Truro will work to protect the environment and address the impacts of climate change by:

- Ensuring adequate, safe and reliable drinking water is available to meet future needs.
- Supporting municipal efforts to mitigate the Town’s contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and providing support for appropriately scaled and sited renewable energy projects.
- Seeking climate resilience by working with the Cape Cod National Seashore and other local, regional, state and federal partners to implement coastal adaptation measures.
- Strongly encouraging energy conservation/reduction measures in all new development.

Truro will support business/economic opportunities by:

- Supporting development of adequate space and housing opportunities for tradespeople to live and work in Truro.
- Supporting existing businesses and exploring creative ways to entice additional new businesses in Truro.
- Providing additional educational opportunities for future workers.
- Ensuring the availability of adequate support services including recreation and healthcare to allow Truro residents to live and work in Truro.

Truro will work with Cape communities to address regional infrastructure needs by:

- Working with Internet service providers, regional agencies and OpenCape Corporation to extend broadband and reliable Internet service to all users throughout Truro.

- Seeking improvements to the regional transportation system including pathways, sidewalks and year-round public transportation to improve safety, reliability, and mobility for all users.
- Focusing housing development in areas with existing or planned infrastructure, including water and wastewater, transportation, and reliable internet services.

Truro will support a collaborative community culture by:

- Ensuring that community conversations are respectful and constructive.
- Communicating with the public in ways that promote collaboration and cohesion among all citizens.
- Promoting events to engage and reach all generations throughout the year.
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- ~~Truro will provide adequate housing to meet community needs while respecting the environment by:~~
- ~~Ensuring that housing is compatible with improvement of the environment through development of smaller wastewater treatment systems to support additional density with advanced nitrogen removal.~~
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- ~~Encouraging participation by seasonal/part-time residents as well as 2nd homeowners.~~

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