



TOWN OF TRURO

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PRESS RELEASE

Town Meeting Updates and Parking Plan

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 12, 2024 – The Town of Truro’s Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10:00 am under a tent at the Truro Central School (TCS) ballfield. The Annual Town Meeting will open and be adjourned to immediately open Special Town Meeting and proceed with it. Annual Town Meeting will resume after Special Town Meeting business is complete and resolved.

Parking spots at TCS will be reserved for individuals who need close proximity parking because they are unable to travel by bus or walk/traverse longer distances. The remaining parking spots at TCS will be open to community members on a first come first served basis. As a courtesy and a safety measure, Head of the Meadow Beach (Head of the Meadow Road, Truro) will be open for satellite parking. If that lot fills, the Truro Community Center (7 Standish Way, North Truro) will serve as another satellite parking location. Shuttle service will take place from Head of the Meadow Beach to TCS (with stops at the Community Center if needed) and will begin at 8:00 am and will run throughout the duration of Town Meeting. Check-in at TCS will begin at 8:30 am. The town will be utilizing the ALERTruro System and electronic and static signage to notify community members when the Head of the Meadow parking lot is full. Public safety officials will be available at each of the three designated parking locations to help direct traffic.

The Town of Truro contacted the MA Department of Transportation and confirmed that parking on Route 6, the State Highway, is prohibited and is not permissible unless otherwise posted per the Code of MA Regulations (CMR):

- *720 CMR 9.03(2) – No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle upon any State Highway except as otherwise provided in 720 CMR 9.03(3).*
- *720 CMR 9.03(3) – No person shall park a vehicle upon any state highway for a period of time longer than that specified upon official signs erected within the area.*

State Highway parking is only allowed in locations where there are posted parking signs. Carpooling and biking are encouraged. Bike racks are available at TCS.

After the 2023 Special Town Meeting, the town received feedback from citizens with disabilities requesting more accessible accommodations at Town Meeting. To be as inclusive as possible, the town is reaching out to community members that may need accommodations at Town Meeting, to ensure the necessary number of parking spaces are reserved at TCS. Anyone that feels that they require a reserved parking accommodation or those who need to request transportation to Town Meeting should contact Katie Thibodeau of the Community Services Department directly via email kthibodeau@truro-ma.gov or phone 508-413-9507. Placards will be provided to those who reserve parking spaces and can be picked up at the Truro Community Center and taken to Town Meeting. Childcare will be provided by the Truro Recreation and Beach Department. For more information and to register visit www.trurorec.com. The deadline to register for a placard, transportation, and childcare is May 1, 2024. For non-parking-related accommodations, including Assistive Listening Devices and material in alternative formats, please call Town Hall before April 30, 2024, at 508-349-7004 x110 or x124.

Town staff, policy makers, and public safety officials have analyzed a broad range of options and have determined the necessity of these recommendations for Town Meeting based on the unprecedented voter turnout at 2023 Special Town Meeting; accessibility accommodations for citizens with disabilities; the limited number of parking spaces at the meeting location; and to ensure the public safety of all Truro participants at Town Meeting.

The town looks forward to seeing community members at Town Meeting on May 4, 2024. Pre-Annual Town Meeting will take place on April 24, 2024, at 5:30 pm at Truro Community Center and via Zoom. The Facebook Live with Town Moderator, Paul Wisotzky, and Town Manager, Darrin Tangeman, on the Town Meeting Process will take place on April 25, 2024, at 12:30 pm via Truro Facebook Live Page. Please visit the Town Meeting page under Helpful Links on the Town of Truro's website for more information: www.truro-ma.gov/townmeeting. Please contact Town Manager, Darrin Tangeman, should you have any questions via email dtangeman@truro-ma.gov or phone 508-349-7004 x111.