

Part Time Residents Advisory Committee Minutes - FINAL
Truro Town Hall (Selectman's Chambers)
Monday, October 1, 2018
9:00 AM

Members Present: Jean Krulic, David Sawicki, Carol O'Flaherty, Larry Pisapio, Mary Worthington.

Regrets: Ira Joseph, David Grimason

Present: none

1. Public Comment

None

2. Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2018 were approved.

3. Talking points for PTRAC and Association Meeting

- a. Agreed that we'd like to learn of the goals and priorities of the Association
- b. We'd like to know if as a group they have focused on or have any thoughts on the budgeting and finances of the town or the water quality issue?
- c. We'd like to understand the makeup and structure of the Association Board and group as a whole, how many properties are represented and how is that determined.
- d. Agreed that we should have a list of our goals as well, one of which is gathering information from the community

Jean Krulic inquired about how the meeting would be structured, Larry Pisapio confirmed that it would take place during a formal PTRAC meeting and follow all meeting laws and guidelines but that the discussion would be the only agenda item. The Association would be present at our request for a discussion, not a presentation. David Sawicki suggested the meeting be held at 5PM. Mary Worthington stated that it would be best if someone outside the committee could help by doing the minutes for that meeting.

4. Summer 2019 Open Meetings and BOS joint meeting

Open Meeting - Larry Pisapio reported that Kristen from the Winery agreed to host an Open Meeting. Larry will ask Town Manager if hosting such an event where alcohol is served is problematic. Carol O'Flaherty suggested the BOS invite the Part Time Residents to meet the PTRAC at the open meeting.

Joint Meeting with BOS - we would like to do this in early June. Larry will ask Maureen about coordinating that with the BOS schedule and ask what the expectations of the committee will be

Truro Connections - Jean Krulic reported that the new guidelines for being part of the Truro Connections series are that the 2019 speakers must have an action plan and a person who takes responsibility for making that action plan happen. The theme for the 2108 series was sustainability, for 2019 it will be sustainability, economic development and workforce development. The PTRAC idea is to offer an interactive session on community building, led by Jean and Carol with the title of "Let Your Voice Be Heard"

or something like that but more inviting. Work on that will continue to next week's agenda.

5. PTRAC's Questions for BOS and Tax Classification Meeting

Both David Sawicki and Carol O'Flaherty attended the Tax Classification Meeting. David expressed disappointment with how the BOS answered the six questions the PTRAC presented and felt that the BOS was disrespectful with some statements. Carol O'Flaherty felt the answers were politically correct and appreciated that the BOS responded. David Sawicki offered a report he drafted on the number of households in each value category that received the RTE and a proposed motion, in the attached document. The motion was seconded and was not approved by a 2 to 3 vote. David Sawicki also encouraged committee members to comment on the adequacy of the BOS responses to our six questions. The majority demurred.

6. Water Quality Report and BOH

Tabled until October 8, 2019

7. LCPC

Chris Clark was unable to join the PTRAC meeting but did call in to Mary Worthington before the meeting began to report that the LCPC had met on Thursday, September 27th for the first time since July and much of the meeting was spent on reviewing what notes they have. The Assistant Town Manager was able to access the previous Town Manager's notes and had distributed them to the LCPC for review. Chris stated that there will not be a community presentation until 2020, that they would be seeking an outside consultant and then conducting community outreach to learn more clearly what issues concern the residents of Truro.

8. Committee Comments and Member Status

We have questions on who the minutes go to, who posts them? We have questions on rules for committee members missing meetings. Are there Town rules on the topic? What is the process of replacing members? Can we make our own meeting rules? Mary Worthington will contact Maureen Burgess with these questions.

9. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Agenda for October 9, 2018:

- 1- Public Comment - Open Meeting and Public Comment Period - Open Meeting Law limits discussion by committee to whether the issues will be place on a future agenda
- 2 - Review and Approve Minutes of October 1, 2018 meeting
- 3 - Water Quality Presentation - Kevin Kuechler
- 4 - Truro Connections Proposal
- 5 - Approval of open meeting at the Winery
- 6 - Committee Comments
- 7 - Next Meeting Date and Agenda




10. Adjourn

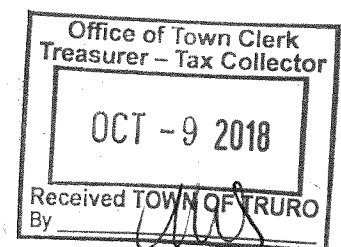
Motion for adjournment was made, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Worthington



LARRY PISCOPIO



David Sawicki Analysis and Motion for PTRAC Meeting 10/1/2018

Analysis

The chart below shows how much money was, in effect, transferred from part-time residences and those not electing to take exemption to full-time residents who did.

Households Value		Transferred Lowered value	Transferred tax rate (per thousand)	Total
Under \$300,000	16	\$1,959,904	\$7.37	\$14,444
\$301 to \$624	342	\$41,892,948	\$7.37	\$308,751
\$624 to \$800	91	\$11,146,954	\$7.37	\$82,153
\$801 to \$1M	49	\$6,002,206	\$7.37	\$44,236
\$1M to \$2.5M	55	\$6,737,170	\$7.37	\$49,653
Total	551	\$67,494,194	\$737	\$499,238

Average assessed value is \$623,528. Applicants lowered their assessed value by \$122,494.

My proposed motion—a note to be sent to the BOS from our committee:

“Part-time residents and non-applicants handed a subsidy of approximately \$176,042 to homeowners whose homes were assessed at \$624,000 (the average value) or more. They subsidized homes valued at less than \$200,000 for only \$14,444, and \$323,196 to those with below average homes. We have come to believe that the RTE is a terribly inefficient way to deal with Truro’s sustainability challenge. It deepens a we/them attitude that the BOS seems to want to ignore--for little positive gain. We encourage you to devise other policies to solve the “sustainability” problem, and in 2019, abandon the RTE.”

