



TOWN OF TRURO

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Walsh Property Community Planning Committee Charge

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In accordance with the Truro Town Charter, Section 6-4-4, and Article 11 of the April 30, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, the Select Board hereby establishes the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

PURPOSE:

At the Annual Town Meeting in April 2019, and ratified by ballot in May 2019, the people of Truro authorized the purchase of the Walsh property for the Town of Truro, to be used for general municipal purposes. The article further authorized and directed the Select Board to create a committee, to include citizen representatives from diverse sectors of the community to lead a community wide process, beginning in June 2019, to engage a wide range of Truro residents in developing plans for the use of the property to be presented at a future town meeting for approval.

APPROACH:

The purpose of the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee (WPCPC) is to guide the development of plans for the use of the Walsh property. The WPCPC's mandate is:

- a) to embody, engage and include the full range of perspectives (needs, interests and concerns, as well as geographic and demographic groups) of the Town of Truro.
- b) to undertake, analyze and synthesize public input and widespread outreach to maximize involvement, understanding and support for the resulting plan and its implementation.
- c) drawing on active public input and engagement as well as data that describes the current and future needs of the Town and region, the WPCPC will develop and evaluate a range of options, and ultimately prepare a plan for the use(s) of the property to be presented to Town Meeting.

The Chairs will primarily use consensus, but voting might be used as a default if it is apparent that consensus cannot be achieved at appropriate times in the process, as they see fit.

MEMBERSHIP:

The WPCPC will be composed of eleven voting members and one alternate member and membership may be decreased by an even number of seats by a vote of the Select Board, so that an uneven number of seats remain in accordance with Town Charter, Section 6-2-5. As the appointing body, the Select Board will interview and appoint new prospective members. Reappointments will also require appointment by the Select Board. The Select Board will strive

to appoint and maintain a complement of members who collectively reflect the balanced and broad range of perspectives, experiences and demographics of Truro. Members may be from existing Truro boards and committees, as long as those boards and committees do not have official authority over components of the plan.

Although they are selected to help reflect and inform a set of experiences, expertise and demographics, members will serve as individuals, rather than as official liaisons or representatives to any particular group or issue. Collectively, the WPCPC to the best extent possible will reflect the multitudes of perspectives and points of view as well as the demographic composition of the Town of Truro.

All members will be expected to possess interest in the topics under consideration, as well as to demonstrate commitment to working collaboratively and productively on behalf of the WPCPC's objectives. All individuals on the WPCPC should demonstrate the willingness and capacity to engage in respectful and constructive dialogue with other participants, maintain an open mind, and seek creative options that respond to the interests of other participants and stay focused on what is best for the Town of Truro and not their own particular interests.

The WPCPC will be an official Town body, and all members will be subject to state and Town regulations governing such Town bodies, including conflicts of interest law and the Open Meeting Law.

The WPCPC may request, and the Select Board may appoint, liaisons, from the Select Board or from other entities, in accordance with Policy 34: Selectmen Liaison Policy. Liaisons will serve as a conduit of information and a point of contact to and from their respective board and will not have voting authority on the WPCPC.

STAFFING AND RESOURCES:

The Town Manager will determine appropriate staffing for the WPCPC. Town of Truro staff and departments will serve as technical advisors to the WPCPC, as needed and requested by the participants, through the Town Manager. Technical advisors will help members and the public understand 1) existing site conditions and opportunities/constraints on development, 2) the planning, legal, regulatory, financial, economic, and natural resource implications of options being explored for use of the property, and 3) any other information needs requested by the WPCPC within the expertise of town staff or contracted consultants.

To the extent the WPCPC determines a need for information outside of the available or acceptable expertise of town staff, they can request it. If funding for such advice is needed, the WPCPC can request support through their committee chair(s) from the Select Board in coordination with the Town Manager to enlist additional expertise.



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