

Open Space Committee Working Session  
Town of Truro  
Minutes  
Remote Meeting of 01-23-2025

Present: Shari Stahl, chair; Tom Bow; Laura English; John Marksbury; guest Jack Riemer

1. Chair called meeting to order at 1:02 pm.
2. Minutes of 11-21-24 meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The Committee referred to the Appendices for the OSRP forwarded by Barbara Carboni and accepted Laura's offer to compare them to those in the 2015 report. This will make it easier to proof the material.
4. Chair reported on her request to Barbara for material missing from the draft report that other town staff will need to provide. It was agreed that the Chair will follow up if necessary two weeks before our next meeting.
5. Tom Bow reported that all Cape land trusts have been informed by Mark Robinson, ED of the Compact of Cape Cod Land Trusts, that several Cape towns have not filed their open space plans, which are needed to receive state open space monies.
6. After reviewing each Action Item needed to complete the OSRP report the Committee affirmed its ability to complete the report except for the missing information needed from the town.
7. Jack Riemer apprised the Committee that Chris Palmer has been hired by the town as Climate Coordinator. He urged us to meet with the Climate Committee.
8. Discussion ensued over wildfire concerns. It was agreed that the Committee invite the Fire Chief to a joint meeting in April with the Climate Action Committee to discuss the matter and what steps the town is taking to lessen fire risk.
9. Other priorities for the Committee were discussed including the possible designation of Route 6 as a greenway.
10. Tom Bow reported on Truro Conservation Trust activities.
11. Dates set for next two meetings: Wednesday, February 26 and Wednesday, March 19. Both at 2pm.
12. Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Marksbury

By Laura English for the Open Space Committee

Here is the comparison chart of the 2015 and 2022 appendixes. The biggest difference I saw were:

1. The 2015 has detailed checklists of ADA compliance for the self evaluation requirement. The 2022 has a summary, a budget reference, and this paragraph:

The ADA Accessibility Self Evaluation Inventory was comprehensively updated in 2019 and the Transition Plan is being implemented accordingly as resources allow. A summary of this work is provided below. Comprehensive, detailed reports total almost 2,000 pages and are available upon request and have been submitted as separate documents accompanying this Plan.

I hope BC knows to submit these separate documents.

2. The 2022 includes an extensive list of Massachusetts endangered species
3. The 2022 includes all the charges of the committees that would be involved with Open Space or Rec

Here is the link to the chart I created to organize the comparison. I also added a couple of comments re possible edits and omissions. Please let me know if you have any questions or cannot open the doc!

[2015 and 2022 OSRP Appendix Comparison](#)