

The Town of Truro
CITIZEN PETITION
Annual Town Meeting Article

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 39 § 10

DATE AND TIME RECEIVED BY TOWN
CLERK/REGISTRAR

TOWN MEETING – MAY 3, 2025

INSTRUCTION TO PETITIONER

1. The Petitioner will be the contact name listed in the Warrant and should be the first registered voter to sign this petition form.
2. Return this citizen petition to the Town Clerk's Office when complete. A minimum of 10 signatures is required for an Annual Town Meeting article. It is suggested you obtain more than that for verification.
3. Before gathering signatures, please be sure that the language of your article is actionable. It will be voted at Town Meeting exactly as worded in your typed submission.
4. In addition to the actual warrant language, the petitioner must include any petitioner explanation/comment to be included in the warrant before getting any signatures.
5. Explanations/comments must be part of the petition that is signed by the required number of registered voters. No explanations/comments will be accepted for inclusion in the warrant by any single signer or proponent of the petition.
6. Petitioners with the draft language of their article may elect to coordinate with the Town Manager's Office to schedule an appointment for an informal staff consult with insight on operational impacts, financial impacts, and technical assistance to the extent possible.

DEADLINE: 4 PM, March 3, 2025

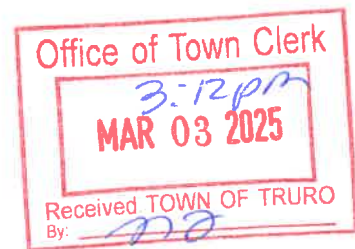
Name of Petitioner: Dennis P. O'Brien

Address: 24 Bayberry Road Truro, MA 02666

Mailing Address: PO Box 1047 North Truro, MA 02652

Phone: 857-263-0487

Email: dob9146187@aol.com



May 3, 2025 ATM Proposed Warrant Article Title and Body:

[illegible]

Article XX: Charter Amendment to Section 6-4-3 - Petitioned Article Two-Thirds Vote

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6-4-3 of the Town Charter by adding new language as follows (new language shown **bold underline**):

6-4-3 The moderator shall in accordance with sections 2-2-4 and 6-2-6 of this Charter appoint a

Finance Committee of five members who shall be voters and shall not hold elected **or other appointed** office nor be a candidate for elected office in the Town of Truro; or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by Citizen Petition

Petitioners' Explanation: The Finance Committee ("FinCom") is appointed by the Town Moderator, as required by law and Town Charter, to ensure the FinComm is not subject to control and influence of the Select Board. These "checks and balances" ensure that the FinCom has an arm's length relationship to the Select Board in performing its primary obligation "to advise the legislative branch" (Town Meeting) on matters of budget and finance and to ensure its decisions remain unbiased and free from potential conflicts of interest.

This amendment strengthens the independence of the Finance Committee by requiring that its members do not hold any positions appointed by the Select Board within the town government such as a committee or board member or committee liaison. This change establishes a clear and unambiguous separation between executive and legislative functions. It ensures that no individual member of the FinCom is subject to the Select Board where independence from the Select Board is the foundation of the FinCom's role and responsibilities. Without this separation between these bodies, FinCom Members who deliberate and/or vote on an appointed or elected committee with financial considerations would have a conflict of interest.

This amendment will ensure the FinCom does not intentionally or otherwise compromise the integrity of financial oversight, impede its ability to make impartial recommendations to the legislative branch, or experience undue influence from the executive branch. This revision aligns with best practices in municipal governance by reinforcing checks and balances, promoting transparency, and safeguarding the Finance Committee's role as an independent advisory body serving the best interests of Truro's voters only.

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SIGNERS' STATEMENT

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1		Dennis P. O'Brien	24 Bayberry Rd 02652	
2		Kathleen Smythe O'Brien	24 Bayberry Rd 02652	
3		Andrew Lashley	26 Bayberry Rd 02652	
4		MARILYN D. LASHLEY	26 BAYBERRY RD. 02652	
5		Jerome A. Hollander	18 BAYBERRY RD NORTH TRURO, MA 02652	
6		Debra J. Hollander	18 Bayberry Rd, N Truro 02652	
7		Joe Anarella	14 Bayberry Rd Truro 02666	
8		Seth J. Swoboda	14 Bayberry Rd Truro 02666	
9		Karen Kinsella	1 Fishermans Road Truro 02666	
10		ROBERTA Kinsella	1 Fishermans Road Truro 02666	
11		Susan Rocca	29 Fishermans Road Truro 02666	
12		Chris Rocca	29 Fishermans Rd Truro 02666	
13		William Aikman	21 Bayberry Rd Truro 02666	
14		DONALD MORIN	21 Bayberry Rd. Truro 02666	
15		STEVEN T. PELOSI	23 FISHERMANS RD TRURO 02652	
16		JANICE M. PELOSI	23 FISHERMANS RD. NO. TRURO MA 02652	
17		Timothy J. Hickey	32 Hopkins Way 02652	
18		JULIANA MACALLER	32 HOPKINS WAY 02652	
19		E. WESLEY CHAPMAN	42 GREAT HOLLOW 02666	
20		SUSAN I. CHAPMAN	42 GREAT HOLLOW 02666	

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CERTIFICATION OF NAMES

At least three registrars names must be signed or stamped below:

Month and day

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2	Richard R. Lee	Richard R. Lee	28 Fisherman RD 02666	
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2		John A. Power	JOHN G. POWER	27 Fisher Rd 02666	
3		Kathleen Power	KATHLEEN Power	27 FISHER RD 02666	
4		Barry C. Baezyn	BARRY C. BAEZYN	13 FISHER RD 02666	
5		Peter Moody	PETER MOODY	4 WARREN PLACE 02666	
6		Linda Aguilar	LINDA AGUILAR	4 WARREN PLACE 02666	
7		Stefanie O'Neill	STEFANIE ONEILL	19 PRIEST ROAD 02652	
8		Beverly Miller	BEVERLY MILLER	19 PRIEST RD. 02652	
9		Sharon Stahl	Sharon Stahl	5 Priest Rd 02652	
10		Steven Stahl	Steven Stahl	5 Daniel Lane 02652	
11		Elizabeth Adler	Elizabeth Adler	10 Benson Rd. 02666	
12		Paul Kiernan	PAUL KIERNAN	10 Benson Rd. 02666	
13		DSMULAN STEEL	DSMULAN STEEL	19 Stephen's Way 02666	
14		JOHN VANKIRK	JOHN VANKIRK	19 Stephen's Way 02666	
15		Marie-Danielle Tanguay	Marie-Danielle Tanguay	7 Fisher Rd Truro MA 02666	
16		Peter Herridge	Peter Herridge	15 Overlook Dr Truro 02666	
17		Bonnie S. S. S.	Bonnie S. S. S.	13 Fisher Rd 02666	
18		Connie L. Mather	Connie L. Mather	1 Fisher Rd. 02666	
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1		<i>Kevin Kuechler</i>	Kevin Kuechler	36 Parker Dr 02666	
2		<i>Carol D'Amico</i>	CAROL D'AMICO	11 Parker Dr 02662	
3		<i>Wendy W. Janoplis</i>	WENDY W. JANOLIS	16 PARKER DR 02666	
4		<i>Michael Janoplis</i>	MICHAEL JANOLIS	16 PARKER DR. 02666	
5		<i>Roberta A. Leva</i>	Roberta A. Leva	2 Truro Center Rd 02666	
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1		<i>Karen M. Ryman</i>	Karen M. Ryman	2 Bay View Dr. 02652
2		<i>[Signature]</i>	1644	6 Twinfield 02652
3		<i>[Signature]</i>	FRED RYMAN	2 BAY View Dr. 02652
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