

Truro Board Chair Round Table April 16, 2025

Members Present- Co-Chairs Lili Flanders and Robert Panessiti

Chairs-Ken Field, Carol Girard-Irwin, Brian Boyle, Fred Gaechter, Vida Richter, Shari Stahl, Rich Roberts, Sue Roderick, Ann Courtney, David Bannard, Apryl Shenk, Jeff Fischer

Others Present: Sue Gerard-Irwin, Nancy Medoff, Select Board Members

Lili Flanders called the meeting to order at 5PM, Robert Panessiti agreed to take minutes.

There were no action items or notes to be reviewed

Sue Girard-Irwin informed the Group that a location on the town website has been established in the “Boards and Committees” link on the dashboard.

A sub-group had been established to make observations and recommendations concerning the Committee Member Handbook previously approved by the Select Board at the previous meeting, comprise of Robert Panessiti, Ken Field, and Carol Girard-Irwin.

Ken Field presented an overview and the need to clarify the section on Appointments. It was agreed that recommendations for clarification be forward to the Select Board along with Ken’s notes.

Bob Panessiti reviewed the memo sent to Chairs outlining observations and recommendations.

Carol Girard-Irwin reviewed Select Board policy 13, committee appointments, citing areas that seemed unclear and could be clarified and the need for more involvement by the committee chairs vetting members. The group discussion questioned whether or not the exclusion of Chairs in the process was due to possible OML violations or issues concerning transparency. Carole volunteered to present to the Select Board.

The next meeting date of May 28th at 5pm, was decided, no one volunteered to co-chair the meeting. Possible agenda items to include “right to be rude law’ ,recent MA SJC ruling; relationship between town staff and committees and committee recruitment forum summer of 2025.