

Open Space Committee
Town of Truro
Minutes
Remote Meeting of 9-26-2024

Present: Shari Stahl, chair; Tom Bow; Laura English; John Marksbury; Barbara Carboni, Town Planner and Land Use Counsel
Public: Susan Girard-Irwin

1. There being a quorum present, meeting called to order by Chair at 2:01pm.
2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, VOTED unanimously to approve committee minutes of June 20 and August 22.
3. A working copy of the OSRP having been distributed by Barbara Carboni prior to the meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about the process for incorporating Committee member comments and proof-reading edits to the draft. Planning Department Assistant Liz Sturdy will incorporate edits. Substantive comments would be dealt with at a special working session of the committee. Comments considered substantive might include references to work described as underway but since completed, such as cesspool violations or planning initiatives since adopted by the town such as the LCP.
4. Agreed that each committee member will submit comments to Barbara Carboni prior to the working session, allowing time for Barbara to collate the comments and remove duplicates.
5. Section 10 devoted to comment letters will remain incomplete until the Committee has approved a clean document and any substantive changes are adopted at the working session. Thereafter, once the final draft is approved, letters to relevant boards will be requested.
6. Tom Bow and John Marksbury will send Barbara Carboni a suggested rewording involving a description of the Truro Conservation Trust in Section 5, under the "Non-profit and Private Parcels" subsection.
7. Property inventory reconnaissance will be undertaken this year to comply with committee charge. Next meeting will discuss prioritizing the work according to the different categories of town-owned land and developing an inspection form, perhaps borrowed from the TCT.
8. John reported on receiving some community interest in the town adopting a scenic roads bylaw. He would like the committee to adopt this as a priority. It would require collaborating with the Planning Board to follow the state general law mandate on scenic roads.
9. Noted that applications for CPA funds are due in November.
10. Tom Bow gave a brief update on TCT activities.
11. NEXT MEETINGS: Thursday, October 24, 1 pm working session; 2 pm regular session.
12. Meeting Adjourned 3:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Marksbury