

## **Truro Board/Committee/Commissions Round Table - September 23, 2024**

### **Attendees**

Marty Thomas, Stephen Duncombe, Michael Cohen, Ken Field, Shari Stahl, Lili Flanders, Carol Girard-Irwin, Ann Courtney, Rich Roberts, Kait Blehm, Mary Rose, Apryl Shenk, Dan Smith, Brian Boyle, Bob Panessiti, Betty Gallo, Fred Gaechter, Sue Roderick, Vida Richter, Sue Girard-Irwin Nancy Medoff

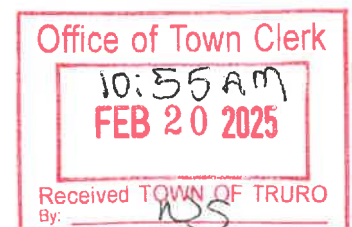
### **Initial Thoughts -Wishes**

- Board cohesiveness
- Breaking down silos
- Looking through different lenses
- Learn from each other so as not to reinvent the wheel
- Avoid duplication of efforts
- Cross-pollinate – guest speakers at committee meetings? (Chair from other meeting)
- Synergies
- Awareness of other committees' goals/priorities for awareness and inclusion
- Work together on bylaws
- Improve appointment/interview process
- Collaborative and inclusive shown from top down and through government
- Communication
- How to request and get support from Town
- Looking for synergies (e.g. Planning, Conservation, HA and CAC)
- There is talent in Town
- Need to get in early on grants to get funding
- FINCOM under-utilized – leverage them instead of scrabbling at the end (budget time)
- Expand partnerships (HA, planning and bylaws)
- Handbook on how to run committee meetings and roles of everyone (chair, staff liaison, SB liaison)
- Onboarding for new members
- Handbook on Training
- Committee/Chair directory

### **Takeaways:**

#### **Meeting format**

- One-hour meetings
- Every two months
- Committee/Board updates -
- Advice session
- Strong feeling to not have this through town meetings (need to confirm there are no violations to Open Meeting Laws)



· Provide periodic update to Select Board

Handbook – Roberts rules. Also how to run a meeting. Committee leadership 101

Consistency expectations – standardize agenda? Public comment the same format?

Clarify role of alternate

**Priorities:**

- Recruiting
- Consistency
- Advice
- Collaboration
- Communication

**Next meeting early November. Doodle poll to go out mid-October.**

