

**TOWN of TRURO**  
**Truro Historical Commission**  
**Truro Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Location:** Via GoTo Meeting Video

**Date and Time:** October 20, 2021, 5:00 pm

**Members Present:** Matthew Kiefer, Chair  
Chuck Steinman, Vice Chair  
David Kirchner, Clerk  
Amy Rolnick, Member  
Jim Summers, Member  
Bart Michell, Member  
Richard Larkin, Member

**Also Attending:** Barbara Carboni, Truro Town Planner  
Helen McNeil-Ashton, Truro Historical Society  
Beth Freed

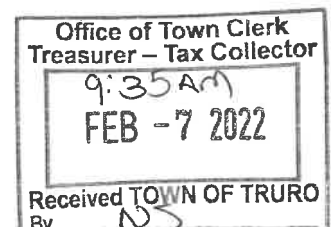
**Welcome:** Chairman Kiefer opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Rolnick made a motion to approve the September 14, 2021 meeting minutes as presented and it was seconded by Mr. Steinman and approved by the Commission members.

**Update Historic Survey Update:** Mr. Steinman gave a brief update to the Commission on the status of the ongoing process of updating the Historic Survey including the letters that were recently sent to homeowners about the study.

**Review of CPA Application for Native People Memorials/Monuments Feasibility Study:** Mr. Kiefer opened the discussion about the proposed process for applying for CPA funding for a feasibility study for a potential Native Peoples Monument(s) by the Truro Historical Commission and the Truro Historical Society.

Mr. Steinman introduced and provided an overview of the origins of the idea of building three (or possibly more) memorials and/or monuments commemorating the importance of Native Peoples in the history of Truro and the surrounding region. Mr. Steinman reviewed the draft CPA application with the Commission. He indicated the importance of engaging Native People as part of the process. The group has worked to identify Native Peoples organizations that might wish to be a part of the consideration and development process which are included in the application. He discussed possible locations that have been identified by the group and reviewed the proposed process and budgets. Ms. McNeil-Ashton discussed some of these locations and the reason for their possible consideration. Ms. McNeil-Ashton reviewed some of the history she uncovered when researching the current exhibit at the Highland House Museum which included Native People's names of various locations within the town.



There was a discussion about the actual feasibility process and how it would be implemented. Ms. McNeil-Ashton stressed the importance of including the IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts and using contemporary standards for any commissioning processes that would be part of the feasibility project. This will be included in the application. Mr. Summers had a few comments on the organization chart and the decision-making process. Ms. McNeil-Ashton stressed the importance of a consultative/inclusive process and Ms. Freed suggested the concept of "nothing for us, without us" be an important guiding principle --- stressing the importance of including the Wampanoag people in the dialogue/process. There was general consensus about the importance of establishing a collaborative and inclusive process amongst the three key constituencies --- the representatives of Native Peoples, the Historic Commission and the Historical Society. Questions about locations and funding were discussed and there was general consensus amongst the Commission on the importance of moving the application process forward.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Kirchner to authorize the submission of the application form to the CPC in substantially the form presented to the Commission with the modifications discussed during the meeting. Through a rollcall vote of the Commission members it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Kirchner made a motion to adjourn, and the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting. A full video recording of the meeting is available at [www.truro-ma.gov](http://www.truro-ma.gov).

Respectfully submitted,



David Kirchner, Clerk

