



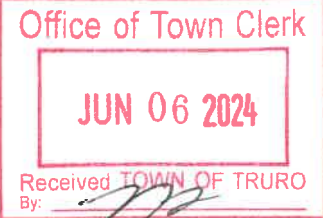
TOWN OF TRURO

PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024 – 5:00 pm

REMOTE PLANNING BOARD MEETING



Members Present (Quorum): Rich Roberts (Chair); Jack Riemer (Clerk); Caitlin Townsend; Ellery Althaus; Paul Kiernan; Virginia Frazier

Members Absent: Anne Greenbaum (Vice Chair)

Other Participants: Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Barbara Carboni; Tim Hickey (Registered Voter); Jackie Opitz (Temporary Sign Permit Applicant); Kevin Rice (Temporary Sign Permit Applicant)

Remote meeting convened at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, by Chair Roberts who announced that this was a remote public meeting aired live on Truro TV Channel 8 and was being recorded. Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni provided information as to how the public may call into the meeting or provide written comment. Members introduced themselves to the public.

Public Comment Period

Public comment, for items not on the agenda, was opened by Chair Roberts who recognized Mr. Hickey who commented on Section 11 and a DPW employee's removal of Mr. Hickey's campaign signs from Shore Road and Standish Way, on April 9, 2024.

There were no other public comments.

Chair Roberts noted that Member Kiernan had joined the meeting.

Planner Report

Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni announced that the Warrants for both the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting have arrived at the Town Hall. The Warrants are also available at the Town Hall (for paper copies) and on the Town website. Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni reminded the public that the last Pre-Town Meeting for the Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 24, 2024, located at the Council on Aging Center, at 5:30 pm.

Chair Report

Chair Roberts had nothing to report this evening.

Temporary Sign Permit Applications

Chair Roberts recognized Member Riemer who announced that he would recuse himself from any discussion or vote on temporary sign permit applications.

Jackie Opitz - Sustainable CAPE, Truro Educational Farmers Market, requesting four (4) 36" x 72" banners (three on Route 6 and one at Veterans Memorial Field). The banners will be installed on Friday afternoons and removed Monday afternoons beginning May 31st and ending August 26.

Ms. Opitz presented her application for the Truro Educational Farmers Market's four banners and Member Althaus announced that he would recuse himself from the vote on this application.

Member Frazier made a motion to approve this temporary sign permit application.

Member Kiernan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Townsend – Aye

Member Althaus - Abstained

Member Frazier – Aye

Member Riemer – Abstained

Member Kiernan – Aye

Chair Roberts – Aye

So voted, 4-0-2, motion carries.

Allison - Payomet Performing Arts Center, requesting two (2) 36" x 42" signs (one between Cape View Motel and Noon es Heights Road on East side of highway; and one on West side of highway halfway between the main entrance of the Truro Elementary School and the satellite parking area). The signs will be installed on May 1st and removed December 31st.

Mr. Rice presented his application for the Payomet Performing Arts Center's three signs. Member Althaus announced that he would recuse himself from the vote on this application.

Member Kiernan made a motion to approve this temporary sign permit application.

Member Frazier seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Townsend – Aye

Member Althaus - Abstained

Member Frazier – Aye

Member Riemer – Abstained

Member Kiernan – Aye

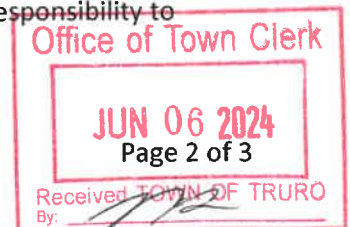
Chair Roberts – Aye

So voted, 4-0-2, motion carries.

Board Discussion

Chair Roberts and the Members reviewed and discussed Section 11. Temporary Signs.

Members and Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni discussed and commented on the following highlighted topics: the way other Cape towns regulate temporary signs, the possibility to refer temporary sign approvals to specific Town staff (for example the Building Commissioner), reviewed Provincetown's Zoning Bylaw 3250 Temporary and Political Signs, problematic ambiguity with Section 11, political sign guidelines, guidelines for contractor signs, and the Select Board's responsibility to enforce the Bylaw.



The Members will add this topic to the agenda of an upcoming meeting as more discussion is needed.

Chair Roberts reminded the Members about the upcoming last two public hearings regarding the Water Resources Overlay Map article and the Fractional Ownership article. Chair Roberts noted that the votes of the Planning Board were not included in the Warrant due to printing timelines for the Warrant. All of the other articles voted on the Planning Board will be included in the Warrant as usual. Chair Roberts will request that Town Moderator Paul Wistozky announce the Planning Board's votes prior to the article being introduced and voted upon on the Town floor. There were no other comments or objections by the Members.

Chair Roberts announced that the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Member Althaus made a motion to adjourn at 5:39 pm.

Member Frazier seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Townsend – Aye

Member Althaus - Aye

Member Frazier – Aye

Member Riemer – Aye

Member Kiernan - Aye

Chair Roberts - Aye

So voted, 6-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexander O. Powers

Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff

