

Open Space Committee
Town of Truro
Minutes

Remote Meeting of 03-19-2025

Present: Shari Stahl, chair; Tom Bow; John Marksbury; Laura English; Sue Areson, Select Board Liaison

1. Chair called meeting to order at 2:01 PM.
2. Minutes of February 26 meeting approved as circulated.
3. Liaison Areson stated she wished to discuss proposed Open Space merger with recreation and bikeways committees; inventory of town lands; and fire risk.
 - Merger: the Committee has not much to do except for the preparation of the Open Space and Recreation plan as the Select Board has determined on various occasions that the town should no longer acquire open space citing protections afforded by the CCNS and work of the Truro Conservation Trust (TCT).
 - Merged committee could consist of seven members and two alternates; subcommittees of three persons would not violate open meeting laws. Open Space and Recreation would each have a slot on the Community Preservation Committee.
 - Inventory: use the inventory provided by the town assessor.
 - Fire Risk is not in our charge.
4. Workshop on April 10 for the committee merger discussed. Suggestions made to postpone the meeting when Bow and Marksbury will be back in town or to have hybrid. Chair will not attend, expressing her opposition to the merger.
5. Lengthy discussion on the draft OSRP now in the hands of Town Planner Carboni. A deadline for completion was set by Carboni of March 31; Section 2 redraft has been distributed to the Committee. Liaison Areson will speak with Carboni about progress.
6. It was agreed by Liaison Areson that the Committee will not be merged until the OSRP is completed.
7. Bow reported on his joining recent Climate Action Committee meeting for wildfire risk discussion.
8. **Next meeting: Wednesday, April 23 at 2PM.**
9. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Marksbury