

Truro Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda

Remote Zoom Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2024 - 5:30 pm

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Public Comment Period

The Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law limits any discussion by members of the Board of an issue raised to whether that issue should be placed on a future agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than 5 minutes.

Minutes

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Public Hearing - Continued

2024-011/ZBA – Janet Despres and Richard Despres, for property located at 4 Kettle Hole Lane (Atlas Map 42, Parcel 266) located on property in the Residential District. Applicant seeks: (1) a variance to construct a garage within a side setback (10 feet where 25 feet required); and (2) a Special Permit for the removal of a pre-existing, non-conforming structure (shed) with new non-conforming garage structure.

Public Hearing - New

2024-012/ZBA – Suzanne Parish and Veronica Janssens, for property located at 39 Fishermans Road (Atlas Map 42, Parcel 57). Applicant seeks a Special Permit to increase an existing nonconformity (expand deck further into rear setback) on property in the Residential District.

Board Discussion

- ♦ Rules & Regulations of the ZBA vote to approve
- ♦ Hybrid Meetings



Next Meeting Monday, December 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

<u>Adjourn</u>



11/5/2024

Mr. Chairman and worthy members of the board,

We the residents of Bayside Hills signed below urge you to not grant this special permit to 4 Kettle Hole Lane (Atlas Map 42, Parcel 266) Janice and Rick Despres.

The Covenants require this project to be approved by the Trustee of Julsan Realty Trust. I see no notice of this on their application.

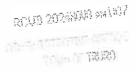
There is no hardship on this application, they bought the land placed the house installed water and septic where it is located, decided to put an addition on the back and I believe moved the septic to accommodate it.

The existing home design shows 3 garage doors, and this new garage has 3 more doors for a total of 6, seems a little much. It looks like there is enough room in front or outback for a more modest solution without a special permit.

Residents of Bayside Hills both new 2021 and old 1989 including the undersigned wish to keep Bayside Hills and the Town of Truro the amazing place it is.

The rule of law and intentional preservation of the beauty and aesthetics of the land are in our hands.

Respectfully,
Several Residence of Bayside Hills.
A J Santos 5 Bayside Hills Rd Lot 10
Mary Martinez 7 Bayside Hills Rd Lot 7
Andrew Larke 3 Kettle Hole Lane Lot 9
Christina Luna 3 Kettle Hole Lane Lot 9
Zana Weber 2 Bayside Hills Rd Lot 1
Nina Miller 3 Bayside Hills Rd Lot 11
Rosa Plummer 9 Bayside Hills Rd Lot 6
Jen Ellingwood 8 Bayside Hills Rd Lot 5



To: The Truro Zoning Board of Appeals Christopher Lucy, Chair

Re: Variance Application / Special Permit 4 Kettle Hole Lane Parcel ID: 42-266

October 15, 2024

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Dear Mr. Lucy and Board Members:

With respect to the proposed variance, I would like to register the strongest possible objection on several grounds. First, although my name and address appear on the abutters list, I did not receive written notice of the applicant's request for a variance to construct a garage within the setback and was only made aware of the matter this past weekend when another abutter shared the neighbors' concerns. Second, my property would be the most severely impacted by such a building and specifically ignores and disrespects my rights under the intent of assuring the public good while providing relief for the dominant structure to the detriment of my property. The applicant concedes that there is available conforming land but argues that such placement would result in greater crowding, reduced air and light and would block the dwelling. I respectfully submit that the proposed variance, if granted, would result in greater crowding, reduced air and light impacting my property. Finally, I disagree with the characterization that the proposed area for construction is the most topographically appropriate. I respectfully request that any action on this matter be continued to a future meeting to allow a fully considered review of the request following input from the other abutters and, if at all possible, a site visit to best allow the Board the opportunity to assess the appropriateness of the proposed building site.

Very Truly Yours,

Mary Martinez, Trustee

Mary B. Martinez Revocable Trust

7 Bayside Hills

PO Box 455

North Truro, MA 02652

Benjamin E. Zehnder LLC

62 Route 6A, Suite B Orleans, Massachusetts 02653



Benjamin E. Zehnder, Esq. bzehnder@zehnderllc.com
Tel: (508) 255-7766

October 22, 2024

Truro Town Clerk Truro Town Hall 24 Town Hall Road Truro, MA 02666

Via hand delivery & email

Re:

2024-011/ZBA – Janet Despres and Richard Despres Amendment to Include Petition for Special Permit 4 Kettle Hole Lane (Assessor's Parcel ID 42-266)

Dear Madam or Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Board of Appeals one original and 9 copies of a Petition for Special Permit, for inclusion with and amendment to the above docketed matter. Also enclosed is my payment in the amount of \$200.00.

Thank you as always for your assistance. I remain -

Very truly yours,

Enc.

cc. via email only:

client

Barbara Carboni

Robert Freeman

Liz Sturdy

Benjamin E. Zehnder



Town of Truro Zoning Board of Appeals P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666

APPLICATION FOR HEARING

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Truro, MA	Date	10/22/2024			
The undersigned hereby files with specific grounds for this application: (check all that apply)					
GENERAL INFORMATION					
□ NOTICE OF APPEAL					
Applicant is aggrieved by his/her inability to obtain a permit	or enforcement acti	on from the Building			
Commissioner on <i>(date)</i> Applicant is aggrieved by order or decision of the Building Co	ommissioner on (dat	e)			
which he/she believes to be a violation of the Truro Zoning B					
☐ PETITION FOR VARIANCE – Applicant requests a variance f Zoning Bylaw concerning (<i>describe</i>)					
▼ APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT	*				
Applicant seeks approval and authorization of uses under § concerning (describe) removal of pre-existing, non-conforming segarage structure.	30.7 of the structure (shed) with new	Truro Zoning Bylaw non-conforming			
Applicant seeks approval for a continuation, change, or extenuation under § of the Truro Zoning Bylaw and M.G.L. C					
Property Address 4 Kettle Hole Lane Ma	ap(s) and Parcel(s)	42-266			
Registry of Deeds title reference: Book, Page	149	or Certificate of Title			
Number and Land Ct. Lot #	and Plan #				
Applicant's Name Janet Despres & Richard Despres					
Applicant's Legal Mailing Address 190 South Ashburnham Road, We	estminster, MA 01473				
Applicant's Phone(s), Fax and Email (508) 331-4758; campowabo@ao	1.com				
Applicant is one of the following: (please check appropriate box)	*Written Permission of the required for submittal of t				
☐ Owner ☐ Prospective Buyer* ☐ Other*					
Owner's Name and Address as Trustees of the Janet Despre	es 2015 Revocable Trust	; t			
Representative's Name and Address Benjamin E. Zehnder 62 Route 6.	A, Suite B, Orleans, MA	. 02653			
Representative's Phone(s), Fax and Email(508) 255-7766; bzehnder@zehnd	derllc.com				
The applicant is <i>advised</i> to consult with the Building Commissioner, Plant Health Department, and/or Historic Commission, as applicable, prior to submission.	ning Department, Connitting this application	nservation Department,			
Signature(s) 19/77/74					
Applicant(s)/Representative Printed Name(s) Owner(s) Printed Name(s) or wr	itten permission			
Applicant(s)/Representative Signature Own	er(s) Signature or writter	n permission			

From: Richard Stendardo
To: Elizabeth Sturdy

Subject: Support for Special Permit Application for 39 Fishermans Road

Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024 10:27:28 AM

Dear Members of the Truro Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my support for the special permit application submitted by Suzanne Parish and Veronica Janssens for the property located at 39 Fishermans Road (Atlas Map 42, Parcel 57). As a community member and nearby homeowner, I believe this proposal aligns with the character of our community and will not negatively impact the neighborhood. The expansion will allow the homeowners to enhance their property's usability while maintaining the aesthetic and environmental standards that Truro values. As such, I believe granting this special permit will provide meaningful benefits to the applicants and the surrounding neighborhood.

I trust that the Zoning Board will carefully consider this application against the town's regulations and make a decision that supports responsible home ownership. I hope the Board will see the merit in allowing this modest expansion and approve the special permit request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely, Rich Stendardo 38 Fishermans Rd

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Elizabeth Sturdy

From: Mark Holland < mholland1956@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 3:25 PM

To: Elizabeth Sturdy
Cc: Diane Holland

Subject: 2024-010/ZBA -- Suzanne Parish and Veronica Janssens

Dear Truro Zoning Board of Appeals,

We write in support of the application by our neighbors, Suzanne Parish and Veronica Janssens, of 39 Fishermans Road, for a special permit to increase the size of their deck.

We live at 41 Fishermans Road, abutting Mses. Parish's and Janssens' property directly to the front (west). Mses. Parish and Janssens have shared their plans with us, and we believe their expanded deck will be attractive and will not hinder or interfere with our enjoyment of our property in any way. The land between our two homes is all wild bushes and grasses, and we can barely see their deck from the back of our house. Further, Mses. Parish and Janssens are quiet and respectful neighbors and have excellent taste, which we are confident will be reflected in their expanded deck.

We therefore respectfully request that you approve Mses. Parish's and Janssens' application.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Mark and Diane A. Holland 41 Fishermans Road P.O. Box 1117 North Truro, MA 02652 mholland1956@gmail.com 914.441.6330

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Town of Truro Zoning Board of Appea P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666

APPLICATION FOR HEARING

C	ffice of Town Clerk
S	1:28pm
	OCT 23 2024
Re	ceived TOWN OF TRURO
By:	-00

Fo the Town Clerk of the Town of Truro, MA Date <u>0€ 1 2 3 24</u> The undersigned hereby files with specific grounds for this application: (check all that apply)
GENERAL INFORMATION
NOTICE OF APPEAL Applicant is aggrieved by his/her inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from the Building Commissioner on (date) Applicant is aggrieved by order or decision of the Building Commissioner on (date) 9/4/24 which he/she believes to be a violation of the Truro Zoning Bylaw or the Massachusetts Zoning Act.
□ PETITION FOR VARIANCE – Applicant requests a variance from the terms § of the Truro Zoning Bylaw concerning (describe)
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT
☐ Applicant seeks approval and authorization of uses under § of the Truro Zoning Bylaw concerning (describe)
Applicant seeks approval for a continuation, change, or extension of a nonconforming structure or use under § 30.7. A of the Truro Zoning Bylaw and M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §6 concerning (describe) CONSTRUCTION OF A 36'X 4' EXTENSION TO A PRE-EXISTING NON CONFORMING DECK. ONE CORNER OF THE EXISTING DECK IS 23.3' EROM THE REAR YARD BORDER AND THE PROPOSED EXTENSION IN THAT CORNER WOULD BE 20.6' FROM THE REAR Property Address 39 FISHERMANS RD, TRURO Map(s) and Parcel(s) 42-57-0 YARD BURDER
Registry of Deeds title reference: Book, Page, or Certificate of Title
Number 137343 and Land Ct. Lot # 19 and Plan # 32365 - A
Applicant's Name VERONICA JANSSENS & SUZANNE PARISH
Applicant's Legal Mailing Address PO BOX 703, NORTH TRURO, MA 02652
Applicant's Phone(s), Fax and Email (617) 7550797 (SUZNINE) SUSIEPARISH & GMAIL. COM
Applicant is one of the following: (please check appropriate box) *Written Permission of the owner is required for submittal of this application.
Owner Prospective Buyer* Other*
Owner's Name and Address V. JANSSENS & SPARISH POBOX 703, N. TRUKO, MA 02652
Representative's Name and Address
Representative's Phone(s), Fax and Email
• The applicant is <i>advised</i> to consult with the Building Commissioner, Planning Department, Conservation Department, Health Department, and/or Historic Commission, as applicable, prior to submitting this application.
Signature(s)
Applicant(s)/Representative Printed Name(s) VEVENICA JANSSENS Owner(s) Printed Name(s) or written permission
Maurorene Ulansoen
Applicant(s)/Representative Signature Owner(s) Signature or written permission

PERMIT DENIAL MEMO

We have reviewed the building permit application documentation for the proposed project referenced below and deny issuance of the building permit for the following reasons:



Town of Truro Building Department

24 Town Hall Rd. PO Box 2030 Truro, MA 02666 Tel (508) 349-7004 x31 Fax (508) 349-5508

х	Building Permit and/or Zoning Determination				
	Use and Occupancy				
	Veronica Janssens / Suzanne Parish				
	39 Fisherman's Road				
	Parcel 57	Zoning District	RES		
	х	Veronica Janssens / Suzar 39 Fisherman's Road	Use and Occupancy Veronica Janssens / Suzanne Parish 39 Fisherman's Road		

Date of Review: 9-4-24

Proposed Structure/Use does not conform to the following Section(s) of the Building Code/Zoning Bylaw:

TABLE 50.1 A AREA AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS / SPECIFICALLY SETBACKS

The Proposed Structure/Use requires a Special Permit / Variance under the following section of the Building Code/Zoning Bylaw:

50.1.A Dimensional Requirements

Comments

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION DOES NOT MEET CURRENT SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OF 25'.

LOT IS A NON-CONFORMING LOT OF 25,862 sq. ft. SQ. FT. WHERE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS ARE 33,750 SQ. FT.

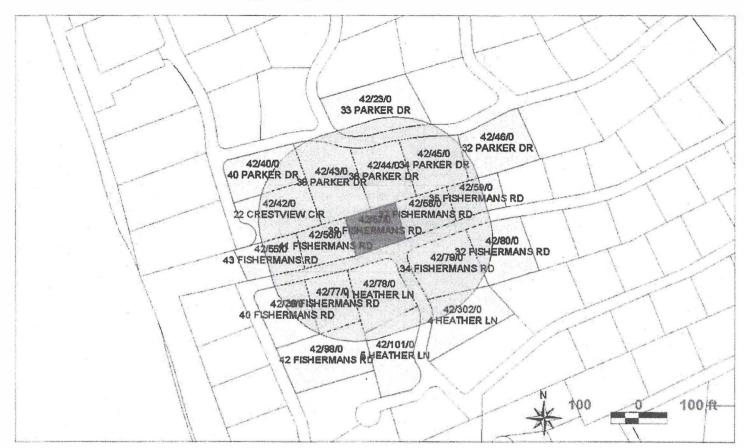
Appeal of any of the above may be made in accordance with MGL Ch. 40A Section 8, by application to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

9.4.24

Richard Stevens, Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer

TOWN OF TRURO, MA BOARD OF ASSESSORS P.O. BOX 2012, TRURO MA 02666

Abutters List Within 300 feet of Parcel 42/57/0



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Key	Parcel ID	Owner	Location	Mailing Street	Mailing City	ST	ZipCd/Country
1595	42-23-0-R	PARKER DRIVE NOM TRUST TRS: REGAN JOHN P & KAREN A	33 PARKER DR	345 STEERFORTH COURT	NAPLES	FŁ	34110
1611	42-40-0-R	WALKER NEAL M & SANDRA R	40 PARKER DR	PO BOX 9	TRURO	MA	02666
1613	42-42-0-R	CRESTVIEW REALTY TRUST TRS: DOOLITTLE ROBERT S	22 CRESTVIEW CIR	2 PEACH BLOSSOM SQ	NASHVILLE	TN	37205
1614	42-43-0-R	C. GOLDSTEIN, LLC MGR: CLAUDIA R GOLDSTEIN	38 PARKER DR	548 MUIRFIELD DR	ATLANTIS	FL	33462
1615	42-44-0-R	KUECHLER KEVIN B & GIANCOLA PAULA	36 PARKER DR	37 MAY STREET	NEEDHAM	MA	02492-3109
1616	42-45-0-R	BORDEN CHRISTOPHER S & SWAIN KIMBERLY A	34 PARKER DR	292 MOSSMAN ROAD	SUDBURY	MA	01776
1617	42 -46- 0-R	MCFADDEN KAYE M C/O MCFADDEN KAYE M &	32 PARKER DR	PO BOX 414	NO TRURO	MA	02652
1626	42-55-0-R	EARL JOHN D	43 FISHERMANS RD	PO BOX 874	TRURO	MA	02666
1627	42-56-0-R	HOLLAND MARK & DIANE A	41 FISHERMANS RD	PO BOX 1117	NO TRURO	MA	02652
1628	42-57-0-R	PARISH SUZANNE L & JANSSENS VERONICA C.L.	39 FISHERMANS RD	PO BOX 703	NO TRURO	MA	02652
1629	42-58-0-R	SHORT FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST TRS: CHAS JR & VALERIA SHORT	37 FISHERMANS RD	241 PERKINS ST, UNIT J301	BOSTON	MA	02130
1630	42-59-0-R	O'LOUGHLIN KIMBERLY & JOHN, & KELLY BRENNAN LIVING TRUST	35 FISHERMANS RD	139A 5TH ST	CAMBRIDGE	MA	02141
1647	42-76-0-R	R Z LAWRENCE 2014 FAM TRUST & N R REINDORF 2014 FAM TRUST	40 FISHERMANS RD	147 THORNDIKE ST	BROOKLINE	MA	02446
1648	42-77-0-R	STENDARDO ALISA R & RICHARD J	38 FISHERMANS RD	50 AMBERWOOD DR	WINCHESTER	MA	01890
1649	42-76-0-R	KRISTY LYNN COLAMETA TRUST TRS: KL & AJ COLAMETA	1 HEATHER LN	134 HEYWOOD RD	STERLING	MA	01564

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Key	Parcel ID	Owner	Location	Mailing Street	Mailing City	ST	ZipCd/Country
1650	42-79-0-R	KOCHANSKY PETER N & DIAS LAUREN E	34 FISHERMANS RD	18 BURNSIDE AVE	SOMERVILLE	MA	02144
1651	42-80-0-R	LEIPZIG NANCY J	32 FISHERMANS RD	37 DWHINDA RD	WABAN	MA	02468
1669	42-98-0-R	SYLVIA ROTHCHILD 2005 REV TRST TRS: SHULMAN KEN W ET AL	42 FISHERMANS RD	C/O ROTHCHILD DR JOSEPH 194 WABAN AVE	WABAN	MA	02468
1672	42-101-0-R	JUDITH E TSIPIS INDENTURE TRST TRS: JUDITH E TSIPIS ET AL	5 HEATHER LN	85 SEMINARY AVE, #336	AUBURNDALE	MA	02466
5650	42-302-0-R	WALSH MAURICE & LINDA	4 HEATHER LN	77 SCOFIELD RD	POUND RIDGE	NY	10576

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42-23-0-R

42-40-0-R

42-44-0-R

42-42-0-R

42-45-0-R

PARKER DRIVE NOM TRUST TRS: REGAN JOHN P & KAREN A 345 STEERFORTH COURT NAPLES, FL 34110

MGR: CLAUDIA R GOLDSTEIN

WALKER NEAL M & SANDRA R POBOX 9 TRURO, MA 02666

CRESTVIEW REALTY TRUST TRS: DOOLITTLE ROBERT S 2 PEACH BLOSSOM SQ NASHVILLE, TN 37205

42-43-0-R

KUECHLER KEVIN B & GIANCOLA PAULA 37 MAY STREET NEEDHAM, MA 02492-3109

BORDEN CHRISTOPHER S & SWAIN KIMBERLY A 292 MOSSMAN ROAD SUDBURY, MA, 01776

42-46-0-R

42-55-0-R

42-56-0-R

MCFADDEN KAYE M C/O MCFADDEN KAYE M & **PO BOX 414** NO TRURO, MA 02652

C. GOLDSTEIN, LLC

548 MUIRFIELD DR

ATLANTIS, FL 33462

EARL JOHN D **PO BOX 874** TRURO, MA 02666 **HOLLAND MARK & DIANE A** PO BOX 1117 **NO TRURO, MA 02652**

42-57-0-R

42-58-0-R

42-59-0-R

PARISH SUZANNE L & JANSSENS VERONICA C.L. PO BOX 703 NO TRURO, MA 02652

SHORT FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST TRS: CHAS JR & VALERIA SHORT 241 PERKINS ST, UNIT J301 BOSTON, MA 02130

O'LOUGHLIN KIMBERLY & JOHN, & **KELLY BRENNAN LIVING TRUST** 139A 5TH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

42-76-0-R

42-77-0-R

42-78-0-R

R Z LAWRENCE 2014 FAM TRUST & N R REINDORF 2014 FAM TRUST 147 THORNDIKE ST BROOKLINE, MA 02446

STENDARDO ALISA R & RICHARD J 50 AMBERWOOD DR WINCHESTER, MA 01890

KRISTY LYNN COLAMETA TRUST TRS: KL & AJ COLAMETA 134 HEYWOOD RD STERLING, MA 01564

42-79-0-R

42-80-0-R

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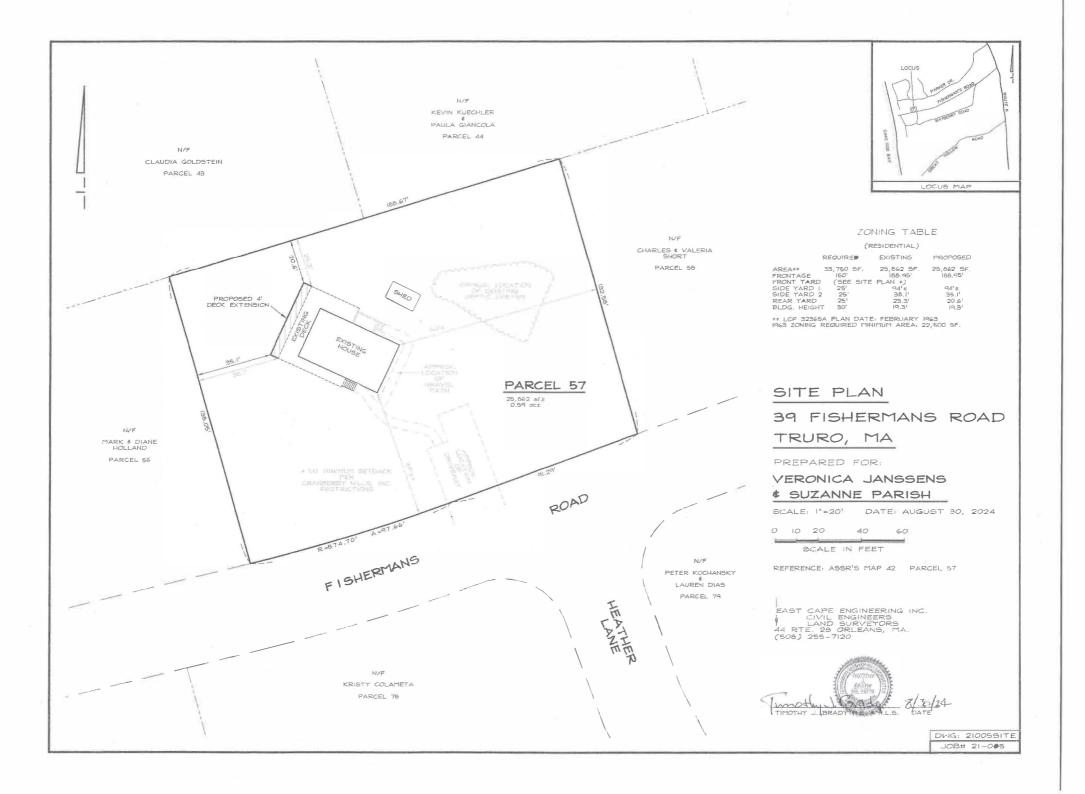
LEIPZIG NANCY J 37 DWHINDA RD **WABAN, MA 02468** C/O ROTHCHILD DR JOSEPH 194 WABAN AVE WABAN, MA 02468

42-101-0-R

42-302-0-R

JUDITH E TSIPIS INDENTURE TRST TRS: JUDITH E TSIPIS ET AL 85 SEMINARY AVE, #336 AUBURNDALE, MA 02466

WALSH MAURICE & LINDA 77 SCOFIELD RD POUND RIDGE, NY 10576



TOWN OF TRURO



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALSRules and Regulations

Approved and Accepted by the Zoning Board of Appeals: November 18, 2024

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TOWN OF TRURO

Zoning Board of Appeals Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations are hereby adopted by the Truro Zoning Board of Appeals and shall govern the submission of all appeals and the conduct of all hearings. These rules and regulations are adopted in accordance with MGL c. 40A, Sec. 12.

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the power conferred on it under Chapter 40A of the General Laws of Massachusetts and under the Town of Truro Zoning Bylaw, which powers shall include the review of Special Permit and Variance applications, except for Variances as to use, and the appeal of decisions of the Building Commissioner. The Board also hears applications for comprehensive permits under MGL c. 40B.

I. APPOINTMENT:

In accordance with the Town Charter the Select Board is the appointing authority for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

II. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>:

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five (5) regular Members and two (2) Alternate Members. The term of office of a regular member shall be for 3 years, with the terms so arranged that the term of one member expires in one year, two Members in the next year, and the remaining two Members in the third year. The terms of each Alternate member shall be for one year.

Each member will be sworn by the Town Clerk to the faithful performance of his or her duties, shall take up the duties of the office immediately, and shall carry out their responsibilities in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, The Truro Charter, and Truro Zoning Bylaw.

The Alternate Members shall sit with the regular board Members at hearings. They shall be designated by the Chairman to serve on cases in the absence or recusal of regular Members and shall vote only when so designated. At the discretion of the Chair, alternates may participate in discussions of matters before the Board, including cases in which the alternates will not be voting.

Any member may be removed for cause by the Select Board upon written charges and after a public hearing MGL c. 40A, Sec. 12.

Any member whose term is expiring may seek reappointment by completing the online Application to Serve on a Board or Committee found on the Select Board webpage.

Each member will be given an official Town email account which should be used for <u>all</u> Town-related business. This email account is considered a *public* account. Private email accounts of member, if used for Town business, are subject to Public Records requests.

III. ANNUAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

All personnel who serve the Town of Truro in the capacity of Board/Committee Members, Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, or Volunteers must complete the annual requirements as posted on the Truro Town Clerk webpage, including an online Conflict of Interest training which certificate must be completed every two years.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

At the first meeting in a new fiscal year (July meeting), the regular Members shall annually elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk, to serve until the Board is reorganized after the following June 30th. The election shall take place after appointments or reappointments to the Board are made.

V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

- 1. The Chair shall conduct and control all hearings; shall set the agenda for meetings; shall appoint one or both Alternates to serve in the absence of regular Members; shall call special meetings as necessary; shall appoint an acting clerk when the Clerk is absent; and shall sign documents for the Board.
- 2. The Vice Chair shall act in the absence, disability or disqualification of the Chair, and shall exercise or perform all the duties and responsibilities of the Chair.
- 3. The Clerk shall perform duties as assigned.
- 4. Members shall notify the Chair if unable to attend a meeting.
- 5. Members shall check Town email for important information and/or updates to material.

VI. <u>MEETINGS OF THE BOARD – TIME AND PLACE</u>:

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, under the provisions of the Open Meeting Law. The Board may cancel meetings in the absence of business to be heard.

All meetings of the Board shall be recorded and available for later viewing on the Town of Truro webpage.

The Board continues to hold meetings remotely, using meeting platforms such as Zoom. Links to meetings are provided on the Town calendar and on the ZBA's webpage (ZBA Calendar, Agendas). Hybrid meetings are at the discretion of the Chair and shall be held at the Town Hall.

VII. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD – QUANTUM OF VOTE; QUORUM AND ATTENDANCE:

- 1. Quantum of Vote. The concurring vote of four (4) members is required to grant a special permit, to grant a variance, or to reverse an order or decision of the Building Commissioner; this includes any Alternate(s) designated to sit on the matter.
- 2. The quorum of the Board for transacting other business, such as approval of minutes, shall be three (3) Members, including Alternates.

- 3. The quorum for organizing the Board (electing officers) shall be three (3) Members; Alternates may not vote on the election of Board officers.
- 4. A member of the Board who is absent from a session in which a continued application is considered is not disqualified from voting on that matter if that member has satisfied the requirements of MGL c. 39, Sec. 23D ("Mullin Rule") by watching the recorded proceedings, reviewing all evidence received at the missed session, and so certifying in writing. See Section VIII below.

VIII. MULLIN RULE (MGL c. 39, Sec. 23D):

- 1. Any Member or Alternate seated on a case for the initial session of a public hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that they have examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.
- 2. For a Member or Alternate to be eligible to utilize the provisions of the "Mullin Rule" in a case, that Member or Alternate must have been a sworn Member or Alternate at the time the public hearing on the application in the case was opened.

IX. APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

Any submittals relating to new or existing applications (including public comments) must be filed with the Town Clerk in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Fee Schedule, and Meeting Schedule of the Truro Zoning Board of Appeals. Note that all submittals must be collated into ten (10) packets and shall also be submitted electronically to the Planning Department Assistant to be considered a complete application.

All applications must conform to the procedures set forth in submitting an Application for Hearing (see Forms on the ZBA webpage). Supplemental material, electronic and paper, including public comments, for a hearing shall be received no later than **Noon Monday** of the **prior** week (see ZBA Meeting Schedule on the ZBA webpage for filing deadlines). Late or incomplete submittals will **not** be reviewed at that meeting and may result in a continuance of the hearing. Written comments from the public not received within the above timeframe for packet inclusion may instead be addressed by the public during the Public Comment portion of the hearing.

If an applicant wishes to postpone (continue) a scheduled hearing, at least seven (7) days advance notice, in writing (email acceptable), must be given to the Zoning Board of Appeals through the Planner/Planning Department Assistant. Approval of such request is at the discretion of the Board. The Applicant will be required to grant to the Board an extension of time for Board action by a period equal to the length of the postponement/ continuance.

X. PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARINGS:

Planning Department Assistant shall follow procedures to notify abutters and publish the Public Hearing Notice as defined in MGL c. 40A, Sec. 11.

XI. HEARINGS, BOARD ACTION/REVIEW:

	# DAYS TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING	# OF DAYS FOR BOARD ACTION	# OF DAYS TO FILE DECISION
Variance	65 days after filing of application	100 days after filing of application	14 days after board action
	40A s. 15	40A s. 15	40A s. 15
Special Permit	65 days after filing of application	90 days after close of hearing	not specified; use same date as for board action – 90 days
	40A s. 9 &	40A s. 9 &	
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Appeal from Building Commissioner	65 days after filing of appeal	100 days after filing of application	14 days after board action
	40A s. 15	40A s. 15	40A s. 15
Comprehensive	30 days after filing of	180 days after hearing opens,	40 days after close of
Permit	application	it must close	hearing
	40B s. 21	40B s. 21	40B s. 21
	760 CMR 56.05(3)	760 CMR 56.5(3)	760 CMR 56.05(8)
*Assert Safe Harbor	15 days after hearing opens		
	760 CMR 56.03(8)		
*Circulate 40B Application to Local Boards	7 days after filing of application		
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*Insubstantial/	20 days after filing of	If board finds change	
Substantial	application	i nsubstantial , permit is	
Change Determination		deemed amended.	
		If board finds substantial:	
		 hearing must open 	
		within 30 days of	
		determination,	
		• 180 days for hearing,	
		• 40 days to render	
		decision after close of	
		hearing	

At start of meeting, Chair will read instructions for viewing/participating in meeting and for public comment as noted on Agenda. Minutes, if any, may be deferred to end of meeting at Chair's discretion.

The Board shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the open meeting law provisions of Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A, Sec. 18-25.

Before start of Hearing:

1. For the purpose of deciding an application, five (5) non-recused individuals shall be designated by the Chair. These shall normally be regular Members of the Board. In the

- absence or recusal of one or more Members, an Alternate or Alternates shall be seated instead of the absent Member(s).
- 2. In the event that only four (4) voting members are present, the Chairman shall inform the applicant that if the hearing goes forward, a vote to approve must be unanimous and shall provide the applicant with the opportunity to request a continuance to a date certain, which shall be granted. This must be done before any presentation of the applicant's case or discussion with the Board.
- 3. On an application for a project that is likely to span multiple meetings, or for a Comprehensive Permit under MGL c. 40B, Sec. 21, in order to assure a number sufficient to vote, the Chair shall have the discretion to seat all members of the Board and all Alternates for the hearing on the Application. On the vote on whether to grant the application, no more than five (5) shall vote, with any Alternate voting only if fewer than five regular Members are available to vote.

Start of Hearing:

- 1. The hearing commences with the reading of the legal notice by the Chair.
- 2. The applicant or the applicant's agent shall present the case for the application or appeal.
- 3. Members of the Board may then ask questions of the applicant.
- 4. Abutters, Town officials or Town employees, and other interested parties may then make comments or ask questions, and the applicant may respond.
- 5. The Chairman shall then close the public portion of the hearing.
- 6. The Board shall then discuss the application.
- 7. At any point in the discussion, the applicant may request a continuance to make appropriate revisions to the application. At any point before a vote on whether to grant a Special Permit or Variance or to act on an Appeal, the applicant may request that the application be withdrawn without prejudice.
- 8. In taking whatever action the Board believes appropriate, there shall be created Findings of Fact, on which the Board shall vote, and such Conditions as the Board wishes to attach to its decision, on which the Board shall vote. The Board shall then vote on a Decision to approve or reject the application.
- 9. Denial of an application precludes submission of the same application for a period of two years. Upon withdrawal of an application without prejudice, the applicant may reapply at any time upon the filing of a new application.

XII. CONTINUED HEARINGS:

If a hearing is to be continued to a later meeting, the motion to do so shall contain a date certain for the hearing to be resumed. Any revised plans or supplemental information provided by the Applicant for consideration of the Board at a continued hearing shall be submitted no later than Monday noon of the prior week to the date set by the Board for continued hearing.

Note: Only new material is posted/distributed, so if an application is continued, Board members should retain materials previously distributed.

XIII. <u>DECISIONS OF THE BOARD</u>:

- 1. Written decisions stating the rationale, and Findings/Conditions, for the Board's actions are required and shall also include motions, vote, and members in attendance (voting and nonvoting):
 - a. The grant (or modification) of a Special Permit, or the approval of a Variance, requires a vote in favor by at least four (4) Members or Alternates.
 - b. The grant of an appeal from an action of the Building Commissioner requires a vote of at least four (4) Members or Alternates.
 - c. Other decisions of the Board require a simple majority vote.
- 2. All decisions must be signed by either the Chair, Vice Chair, or Clerk and filed with the Town Clerk.

A notice is then mailed to the Applicant/Applicant's Representative/Applicant's Attorney and all abutters stating outcome of hearing and including this notation: Appeals of Board decisions are governed by MGL c. 40A, Sec. 17, and any such appeal must be filed within twenty (20) days after the decision has been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, Truro.

XIV. <u>CHAPTER 40B COMPREHENSIVE PERMITS – RULES & REGULATIONS</u> ARTICLE I. GENERAL

Section 1. Purpose and Scope

These Comprehensive Permit Rules (the "Rules") establish procedures for submittal and review of an application to the Truro Zoning Board of Appeals (the "Board") for a comprehensive permit (an "Application") under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 (the "Act") and the regulations promulgated thereunder, at 760 CMR 56.00, et seq. They are required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B, Section 21 and by 760 CMR 56.05(1). The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the development of low- and moderate-income housing in Massachusetts.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

- (a) Board means the Truro Zoning Board of Appeals, established by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 12, and acting in its capacity to issue a comprehensive permit under the powers granted by the Act.
- (b) Local Board means any local board or official, including but not limited to the Board of Health, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, Building Inspector and Select Board. All boards and commissions performing functions usually performed by locally elected or appointed boards and commissions shall be deemed local boards.
- (c) Limited Dividend Organization means any entity which proposes to sponsor housing under the Act, is not a public agency or a nonprofit, is eligible to receive a subsidy from a state or federal agency after a comprehensive permit has been issued and which, unless otherwise governed by a federal act or regulation, agrees to comply with the requirements of said subsidizing agency relative to a reasonable return for building and operating its proposed housing project.

ARTICLE III. FILING, FEES & NOTICE

Section 1. Submittal Materials

The Rules identify plans and other reports required to be submitted to the Board in support of an Application. The materials listed below shall be submitted to the Board simultaneously with the Application. The Board recognizes that for many proposed projects, plans may not be at a definitive stage of development when the Application is filed. However, the Board needs to receive the following information from which it can determine the impact(s) of the proposed development on the Town and the surrounding area. Providing information and materials promptly with the Application will result in a quicker process and enable the Board to become better informed.

- (a) Required Materials. Ten (10) copies of the following materials shall be submitted simultaneously with an Application to the Board:
 - Preliminary Site Development Plans: A set of preliminary site development plans showing the locations and outlines of proposed buildings; the proposed locations, general dimensions and materials for streets, drives, parking areas, walks and paved areas; open areas within the site; and other improvements. The plans shall also have a north point, names of streets, zoning districts, property lines, dimensions of the subject lot, rights of way and easements and names of abutting property owners. An applicant proposing to construct or rehabilitate four (4) or fewer units may submit a sketch of the foregoing, which need not bear an architect's signature and seal. All projects of five (5) or more units must have site development plans signed and sealed by a registered architect or engineer.
 - (ii) Report on Existing Site Conditions: A report on and summary of existing conditions on the site and in the surrounding area.
 - (iii) Preliminary, Scaled Architectural Drawings: A set of preliminary, scaled architectural drawings for each building, which shall be prepared by a registered architect and, for projects of five (5) or more units, sealed by said architect. Said drawings shall include typical floor plans, typical elevations and sections, and shall identify construction type and exterior finishes.
 - (iv) Tabulation of Proposed Buildings: A tabulation of proposed buildings by type, size (e.g. number of bedrooms, floor area) and ground coverage, and a summary showing the percentage of the site to be occupied by buildings, by parking and other paved vehicular areas, by open areas and by other improvements.
 - (v) Preliminary Subdivision Plan: A preliminary subdivision plan, but only where a subdivision of land is involved under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81K.
 - (vi) Utilities Plan: A preliminary utilities plan showing the proposed location and types of sewage, drainage and water facilities, including hydrants.
 - (vii) Application for Project Eligibility & Project Eligibility Letter: A copy of the application for project eligibility submitted to the subsidizing agency, as well as the written determination of project eligibility by said subsidizing agency containing all of the findings required by 760 CMR 56.04(4).
 - (viii) List of Requested Exceptions to Local Requirements & Regulations: A detailed list of requested exceptions to local requirements and regulations, which shall include an analysis of each requirement or regulation for which an exception is sought, the location on the plans for which the exception is sought (if applicable), and an

explanation of why the project will not be economic unless the Board grants the requested exception.

- (b) Additional Materials. The following materials may be required by the Board:
 - (i) Environmental Impact Analysis: An "Environmental Impact Analysis" prepared by a qualified environmental scientist, professional wetland scientist (PWS), certified soil scientist, botanist, hydrogeologist and/or other scientific professional with demonstrated qualifications (e.g. education, training, or demonstrated experience) provided to the Board. The Environmental Impact Analysis shall assess the impact of the development on the environment within the development and adjacent thereto. Such analysis shall include, but shall not be limited to, an evaluation of predevelopment conditions and post development impacts. Such analysis shall include proposed mitigation of any identified post-development impacts. Mitigation measures requiring continuing or periodic maintenance shall be identified and a proposed maintenance plan shall be included with the Environmental Impact Analysis.
 - (ii) Traffic Impact Report: A Traffic Impact Report prepared by a registered professional engineer qualified in the field of traffic engineering, analyzing the proposed project's impact on the congestion, safety and overall convenience of the roadway system providing access to the proposed project. Impacts on both vehicular and pedestrian travel shall be addressed. Road intersections to be studied shall me mutually agreed upon by the Board, its consultants, and the applicant.
 - (iii) Long-Term Monitoring: A long-term monitoring plan identifying the governmental agency or other entity which shall be responsible for project monitoring for the duration of the project's affordability. A cost estimate to implement the long-term monitoring plan shall be submitted.
 - (iv) Tenant/Owner Selection: A plan identifying the governmental agency or other entity that will be responsible for marketing the project and selecting tenants or owners.
 - (v) Landscape: A preliminary plan of proposed landscaping of the project site. The Board will normally include a condition in a comprehensive permit requiring approval of a definite landscaping plan prior to issuance of a building permit and maintenance of the landscaping by the owner(s) of the project.
- (c) Pro Forma. A complete pro forma detailing the projected costs and revenues of the proposed project may be required if, following consultant review of the project, the Board proposes modification of the project or imposition of a condition that the applicant contends renders the proposed project uneconomic. The pro forma shall itemize all development costs, including hard costs, soft costs and site development costs, and all profits and distributions, in accordance with the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) "Comprehensive Permit Guidelines," (the "Guidelines") dated February 22, 2008, as amended. The applicant shall fully disclose to the Board all related party transactions, as defined by the Guidelines.

Section 2. Fees

(a) Administrative Fee. An Application shall be accompanied by an administrative fee in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) plus One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per unit proposed. Said fee shall be paid by check made payable to the Town of Truro.

(b) Consultant Fee. In addition to the administrative fee above, an applicant may be required to pay an amount into an escrow account established pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 53G (the "Escrow Account"), said amount to be determined by the Board in its sole discretion and to be used for consultant review of the Application in accordance with 760 CMR 56.05(5) and Section XX of the Board's Rules and Regulations. If necessary, the Board may require that the Escrow Account be replenished during the Board's review of the Application.

Section 3. Notice

Upon receipt of a complete Application, the Board shall provide notification and a copy of the same to each Local Board as required by 760 CMR 56.05(3), as may be amended.

XV. ANNUAL REPORT:

During January of each year, the Chair shall complete and submit an annual report of the Board's activities for the preceding calendar year as requested by Administration. The annual report shall highlight that year's activities in a general manner.

XVI. HIRING OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

- A. As provided by Section 53G of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Zoning Board of Appeals may impose on applicants reasonable fees for the employment of outside consultants with respect to any matter before the Board pursuant to G.L. c. 40A; G.L. c. 40B; the Town's Zoning Bylaw; and/or pursuant to any other statute or regulation authorizing action by the Board.
- B. Said fees shall be deposited in a separate account, established by the Town of Truro Treasurer or his/her designee, and such funds shall be expended at the direction of the Board or its designee. Funds deposited in this account shall only be used as allowed by this section and for the review of a specific project for which the fee has been collected from the applicant. Any excess amounts, if any, shall be refunded to the applicant, or the applicant's successor in interest.
- C. The consultant shall be chosen by, and report only to, the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall give written notice to the applicant of the selection of an outside consultant pursuant to this Regulation and G.L. c. 44, s. 53G, which notice shall state the identity of the consultant, the amount of the fee to be charged to the applicant, and a request for payment of said fee in its entirety. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date it is sent by certified mail or hand delivered.
- D. The fee must be received in its entirety prior to the initiation of consulting services. The Board may request additional consultant fees if necessary for a review which requires a larger expenditure than originally anticipated or new information which requires additional consultant services. Failure by the applicant to pay the consultant fee specified by the Board within ten business days of the request for payment shall be cause for the Board to determine the application is administratively incomplete. No additional review or action shall be taken on the permit request until the applicant has paid the requested fee. Failure by the applicant to pay the consultant fee specified by the Board within ten business days of the request for payment shall be cause for the Board to deny the permit application.

E. The applicant may appeal the selection of the outside consultant to the Truro Select Board, which may disqualify the outside consultant selected only on the grounds that the consultant has a conflict of interest or does not possess the minimum required qualifications. The minimum qualifications shall consist of either an educational degree or three or more years of practice in the field at issue or related field. Such administrative appeal must be in writing and received by the Select Board and a copy received by the Zoning Board of Appeals so as to be received within 10 days of the date consultant fees were requested by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The required time limits for action upon the application shall be extended by the duration of the administrative appeal.

TRURO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Rules and Regulations

We, the undersigned Members of the Truro Zoning Board of Appeals, hereby certify the Rules and Regulations, as approved and accepted November 18, 2024, with an effective date of November 18, 2024, to be a true copy.

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