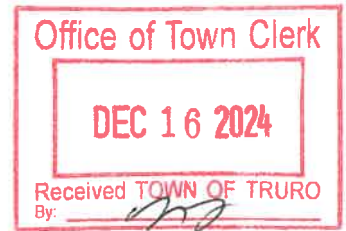


**Truro Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2024
Cobb Library, 5:00 p.m.**



Present: Co-chair Jim Summers, Co-chair Mary Rose; Betty Gallo, Bonnie Brown-Bonse, Shari Stahl, Clinton Kershaw

Regrets: Caitlyn Townsend;

Selectboard Liaison: Susan Gerard-Irwin

Co-chair Jim Summers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Committee still needs Recreation representative and At Large member.

Minutes of 5/16/24

Betty Gallo moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2024, Shari Stahl seconded, and the motion carried by all members. A correction was made to correct that Shari Stahl represents Open Space and not the Conservation Commission.

Update on hiring CPC Coordinator

Jim Summers updated the members on the status of hiring a new CPC Administrative Coordinator, which became necessary due to the recent resignation of Apryl Shenk from the position. Jim informed the Committee members of the Town Manager suggesting that we share a future employee of the town to perform the duties of the CPC Coordinator on a part-time basis. A discussion ensued in which members of the committee expressed their concerns about sharing this position. Additionally, there were questions regarding the need for this position to be a Town employee, rather than an independent contractor, which is how the previous Coordinator was compensated. After some discussion, a motion was made by Clinton Kershaw for us to prepare a letter informing the Town Manager, that the Committee will begin the process of hiring an independent contractor for the position. Upon approval of the motion, further discussion ensued and, it was agreed that we wait to do more research on this subject to determine how other CPC towns employ their coordinator and that it would be within allowable CPA guidelines prior to taking any action as a Committee. It was then decided that we should contact the experts at the Community Preservation Coalition, and Shari Stahl offered to reach out to them. The issue will be revisited when more information is obtained.

Extension of contract for Payomet Building T-5 & cancelation of the Payomet canopy (FY22)

Jim Summers presented a request from Payomet (Kevin Rice) to extend this contract for another year for the Building T-5 grant. Bonnie Brown-Bonse moved to approve the request, seconded by Betty Gallo, and the motion carried by all members.

Jim also informed the Committee that the Payomet Canopy grant request will be withdrawn/cancelled at the request of Kevin Rice, as they do not foresee this project going forward.

CPC Agreements – Update & Monitors

Jim Summers reported that all FY 2025 Grant Agreements have now been fully executed except for the Brewster Housing grant which is waiting for information from Darrin Tangeman.

Betty Gallo reported that the funds awarded to the Housing Trust fund for FY 2025 have been approved by her.

Betty also informed the Committee that the Truro Housing Authority recently held a Public Forum in which a consultant met with them regarding the finer details of adopting the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund which was approved at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. The Housing Authority and Town Administration continue to work on the transition and hope to have something ready for the Select Board by the 1st of next year.

Betty reported that the following projects have been completed:

Cemetery Commission request to Repair & preserve damaged gravestones in Truro's historic cemeteries, and the cemetery Field Guide. Remaining funds for both projects to be returned to the CPC.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16th at 3pm at the Cobb Library.
Agenda items to be determined.

Adjournment

Bonnie Brown-Bonse moved to adjourn. Jim Summers seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rose,
Co-Chair Community Preservation Committee

