

Truro Non Resident Taxpayers' Association  
Minutes of Seventh Annual Meeting  
Truro Central School-Truro, MA  
July 6, 2002

- ❖ Citing a quorum, President Anthony Garrett opened the meeting and introduced Board members.
- ❖ In a report on TNRTA finances Garrett indicated the organization is in sound financial condition and that its fund balances had grown due to added revenues and limited expense. He added that fund expenditures might be needed for the "Stop - Stop & Shop" campaign and other TNRTA initiatives.
- ❖ Membership chair Alice Bergman indicated that TNRTA membership now exceeds 400. Bergman reaffirmed the organization's commitment to growing its membership.
- ❖ Attendees elected two new board members-Regan McCarthy and Richard Smith, both long-term seasonal residents. In addition three Board members whose terms expire - Mary Frankel, Gwyn Korahais and Frank Korahais- were reappointed.
- ❖ The members were informed of a project to revise the organization's by-laws in various ways including changes related to new roles of Past President and President Elect, which have been added to create a three person Office of the Presidency. The new roles were deemed necessary to address workload distribution and to provide for organizational continuity. The office of Vice President has been eliminated.
- ❖ President Garret spoke of TNRTA's opposition to Stop & Shop's Truro project and its support of the planned Town Hall project. He urged members to keep abreast of town affairs and if at all possible to join the ranks of town voters, indicating TNRTA's commitment to grow the number of voters.
- ❖ By a show of hands, virtually all in attendance were opposed to the Stop & Shop project.
- ❖ Janice Parky, co-chair of the Truro based Coalition for Responsible Growth (CRG), spoke to the group on the Coalition's efforts in opposition to the Stop & Shop project. She gave a report on the June 10th joint public meeting held by MEPA and the Cape Cod Commission, indicating that those opposed to the project were well- represented that night. The group, which included TNRTA board member Alan Frankel, expressed concerns for the problems of traffic, water use, light pollution, ground pollution, ineffective landscaping, and lack of a potential local workforce. It was pointed out that Stop & Shop is owned by an international conglomerate that is focused solely on its needs and shows no concern for Truro.

Parky urged TNRTA members to support the CRG by writing letters to the Cape Cod Commission opposing Stop & Shop and by keeping informed of CRG activities. Members of the audience urged the TNRTA board to maintain their opposition to the project and to keep the members informed of any action that they as individuals might take to oppose it. Tony Garrett, TNRTA president, indicated that members could get updates on meetings and information on actions to take by visiting TNRTA's web site and through mailings that the organization sends on a regular basis.
- ❖ Various new business items were presented to the membership. These included:
  - Cape Wind Farm a proposal to use wind for power via placement of wind turbines in a five square mile area of Nantucket Sound.
  - Highland Center for the Arts and Environment an ongoing initiative to utilize abandoned Truro AFB for the arts education and research.
  - The recently completed property reassessment to be mailed to property owners in July.
  - The group was advised of various key dates ahead. 1) A meeting to hear and question candidates for the open town Selectman position on July 9, 2) The coming special election to fill that position on July 23, and 3) The TNRTA membership meeting with the Board of Selectmen on August 21.
- ❖ The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting was adjourned at noon.