

Truro Non Resident Taxpayers' Association
Minutes of Seventh Annual Meeting
Truro Central School-Truro, MA
July 5, 2003

- ❖ Citing a quorum, President Alan Frankel opened the meeting and introduced Board members to the more than 40 attendees.
- ❖ Alan Frankel cited a number of the Association's accomplishments during the past year. These included being part of successfully "Stopping Stop & Shop", through clear factual messages about the project and its potential impact on Truro as well as funding and support of the Coalition for Responsible Growth's (CRG) efforts to keep the project from happening. Now the organization hopes to be able to participate in any direction setting that may be possible re the future of the Noons site. In addition TNRTA has established a closer communication channel with Truro Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. At this point seasonal resident owners are being recognized and allowed to speak at Town Meetings. The Association reached out to form close ties with other NRT organizations in Wellfleet, Eastham, and Brewster. TNRTA and its experience and by-laws were used as a model in the formation of the Brewster organization.
- ❖ In a report on TNRTA finances Frankel indicated the organization is in sound financial condition and that its fund balances had grown due to diligent management of expense. As always the organization seeks to maintain its financial and political strength on the basis of sustaining and growing membership. Frankel added that in addition to support of CRG TNRTA made contributions to Truro Fire & Rescue, the Council on Aging and sponsored one student's costs for the Truro Central School's senior class trip. In order to manage the small charitable donation program of TNRTA the Board is developing a general policy and program for such donations in the future.
- ❖ Gary Palmer, Vice Chair of the Truro Water Resource Oversight Committee, presented information to the group on near and long term issues affecting Truro and regional public water resources and pumping capabilities. At present these focus on the needs of Provincetown and to a much lesser extent, Truro. However, since the water and pumping stations serving Provincetown are in Truro, the town has a very strong interest in future direction.

The group learned that Provincetown peak demand often exceeds levels that are deemed safe as relates to potential salinity of the water. The Oversight Committee hopes to convince Provincetown and perhaps Wellfleet to address the very limited water resources from a regional perspective, and include the National Seashore authorities, in order to plan and develop infrastructure that could exploit the three available water "lenses." At present the group is focused on public water supply but since essentially the same basic water sources serve the entire region, private supply can be affected as well. Truro and Provincetown have agreed to work together to address the problem on a regional basis. They are exploring the possibility of creating a new well site in the area of North Unionfield in Truro.

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- ❖ Susan Kadar, Town Moderator and Truro Representative to the Cape Cod Commission, spoke about the roles of various governing bodies that affect Truro, including the processes of Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting; the Barnstable County Government; the Cape Cod Commission and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Each of these separately and in concert has an impact on health, human services, schools, zoning, development, taxes etc. in the Town.
- ❖ Attendees were advised of a change to TNRTA Bylaws related to the 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. With this redefinition of roles the office of Vice President has been eliminated.
- ❖ Those in attendance elected three new board members- Tom Bow, Catherine Haynes, and David Schwartz all long-term seasonal residents. In addition three Board members whose terms expire - Alan Frankel, Mark Poster, and Ken Reich were reappointed.
- ❖ The members were informed of and urged to attend the coming TNRTA membership meeting with the Town Selectmen and Administrator to be held on Thursday 8/28 at 7PM.
- ❖ The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting adjourned at Noon.