

TNRTA NEWS

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LETTER FROM THE TNRTA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Greetings from Truro! Today was one of those magical early spring days, capped by watching from my deck a pod of right whales swimming off Great Hollow Beach. I hope you will be returning to our special town soon.

TNRTA has spent a busy spring season. We were in attendance at Town Meeting where we spoke out against the override for the Community Center. Your Board of Directors voted unanimously to explain that we felt a workable facility should be able to be built within the confines of the \$3.9 million cap previously approved by the voters. We were pleased that the override provision was defeated by secret ballot.

We also announced our support for a motion to restore the Cobb Library for the use of the Truro Historical Society. In so doing, we offered a \$2,000 contribution to assist in the interior renovations. We believe this is an important addition to the town's facilities and encourage you to make individual contributions to this worthy cause.

This is my final message to you as President of TNRTA. I feel extremely honored to have served for the past three years as the spokesperson for your association. During this period, we have played a vital role in helping to ensure Stop & Shop did not come to Truro. We built strong relationships with the town leaders and gained the right to speak at Town Meeting. Our membership stands at 464 non resident taxpayer households and our financial condition is strong. Your association continues to need your support, your input and your willingness to become more involved. We are the most significant citizen group in Truro and we must continue to have new leaders coming forward to play vital roles in the organization.

In closing, I want to thank your Board of Directors for the diligence and commitment they provide to TNRTA and especially for the commitment and support they have provided me. I hope to see many of you in Truro this summer!

Best regards,

Alan

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Annual TNRTA Membership Meeting

July 1, 2006, Saturday, 10:00 p.m.
at the Truro Public Library

speaker: Selectmen Fred Gaethcher

Annual Town Meeting Update

An eventful Annual Town Meeting was held on April 25, 2006, and many subjects which would affect Truro into the future were presented for vote. A few of the important articles included:

Proposed Community Center – The additional funding request of \$860,000 for the construction of the Community Center was defeated. The additional funding request would have brought the total requested funds for the project to \$4.82 million (\$3.96 million was approved by previous town vote). The proposed community center was to be a total of 12,000 square feet and would house both the Council on Aging and other community activities. On May 6, 2006, the Board of Selectmen requested that the Building Committee rethink the project and stay within the previously approved budget and not require any additional cost increases over the approved \$3.96 million.

Growth Management – The Town approved the Growth Management article that reinstates the existing growth management by-law (previously adopted in 2003), with the addition of a “sunset” provision so that the provisions would expire on December 31, 2006.

Truro Conservation By-Law – This article did not pass by a vote of 102-72. The proposed by-law was to mimic the existing Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act but would have placed the jurisdiction for dispute resolution in the hands of the local Conservation Commission instead of the Cape Cod Commission.

Cobb Memorial Library - Article 8 of the Town warrant approved the appropriation of \$51,000 of Community Preservation Funds for restoration of the Cobb Memorial Library. The appropriated monies are to be used to make the site handicap accessible and to complete some exterior work. The Town owns the library and the Truro Historical Society is to renovate it as a center for research, education, archival storage and the display of historical documents relating to Truro.

TNRTA has set up a matching fund for this worthwhile project. Please donate funds for this restoration project and help preserve the historical documents for future Truro generations. ***Please see the attached form to submit your donation !!***



Additional Town Information

Study and testing of two potential **well sites** are continuing this summer. The proposed well field(s) are being developed to comply with states mandates that public water supplies (which supplies Provincetown and parts of North Truro) have a back-up well that is equal in yield. The well field to be tested in early August is located off North Union Field Road on land owned by the Town of Truro. The tests will determine the quantity of fresh water and the ability of the aquifer lens to handle continuous heavy pumping.

The **Parking Lot at Head of the Meadow Beach** is to be expanded by 60 parking spaces, allowing a total of 175 vehicles. The expansion is to be completed prior to the 2006 summer beach season. There is a possibility that this expansion may enable the eventual running of a bus to the beach.

The Department of Environmental Protection has granted the Town a lengthened season to dredge the harbor channel and inner basin to **Pamet Harbor**. Dredging of the harbor is to begin for the 2006 year in March.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections to be held at Truro Transfer Station on Saturday, August 5, 2006, from 9 am – noon. Proof of residence will be required. See the Town website for additional information.

The **Proposed North Truro Post Office Building** is NOT to move forward in the near future as the U.S. Postal Service has frozen all funds for building.

In the News

The **Payomet Performing Arts Center** has become the first official tenant at the Highlands Center. Payomet is to relocate its summer theater tent to the grounds of the old air force base in North Truro, which is now operated by the National Seashore as a center for scientific research, and arts and educational programs. Payomet hopes to have a permanent building at the Highlands Center ready for operation within 5 years.

Become Involved & Vote

TNRTA encourages its members to become involved in the Town by becoming a participant on Town Boards, Committees and Commissions. These positions are open to all town residents, voting and non-voting. TRNTA also encourages its members to register to vote in Truro in order to express their opinions on issues, which affect their community, their rights and their taxes. Many votes are decided by very slim margins, sometimes as little as one vote. For information on changing your voter registration, go to our website www.TNRTA.org and click on Town Hall to read articles on voting in Truro. Mail in registration

forms are available from the Massachusetts Secretary of State, Election Division, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA or (800) 462-VOTE.

Are You a Truro Non-Resident Taxpayer who would like to:

Be better informed about issues affecting both Truro and Cape Cod ?

Receive Winter & Spring Newsletters,

Receive timely notification of Truro's important issues via email ?

Promote community involvement for Truro Non-Residents?

Enhance communication between non-resident taxpayers and Truro, including input into decisions made about Truro?

***Please contribute your experience and skills
and
Join and become an active member in the TNRTA***

Membership Renewal Forms have been sent to all existing members

Please renew your \$35 membership today

or

Become a member by filling out the following:



Name(s) _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Truro PO Box _____ Zip Code _____ Truro phone _____

Dues Enclosed: ___ \$35 per household Additional contribution: \$ _____

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TNRTA Collaborates with Truro Historical Society
Supports Cobb Library Project to Preserve Truro's History

TNRTA has created a matching fund to stimulate support for the Cobb Library Restoration Project. This Cobb project will re-develop the Cobb Library in Truro Central to create a facility to store and make available the considerable wealth of unique historical documents held by and about Truro. The Truro Historical Society is responsible for overseeing the Cobb Library Project, while the Town of Truro is assisting significantly in meeting the bulk of re-development costs for infrastructure and handicapped access. TNRTA is contributing support related to documents preservation and storage for which the Truro Historical Society is seeking \$51,000 at this time.

The Truro Historical Society holds documents that go back to the earliest days of Truro, and in some cases, of the United States. These documents are irreplaceable, and trace the history of the community and the early years of the country. The availability of the Cobb Library building created a remarkable opportunity to develop a site specifically designed to protect, preserve and make available to researchers and the general public these treasured documents.

Each year, TNRTA gives 10% of its annual revenues to Truro's home-grown projects and causes. In the past, TNRTA has supported the Truro Council on Aging, the Truro Emergency Services Fund, the Truro Elementary School (annual student trips), and other programs in the community.

This year, TNRTA has set aside its full pool of charitable giving to create a matching fund for the Cobb Library Restoration Project. In addition to a challenge match grant, which we will make available on a 3 : 1 basis, we also plan to encourage TNRTA members and all visitors to Truro to contribute to this fund.

You can directly support the Cobb Library project -- and help to meet our matching fund goal of \$6,000 for 2006 -- by directly contributing to THE COBB LIBRARY RESTORATION FUND. Use the form below, which you can return to either the Truro Historical Society or TNRTA.

TRURO'S HISTORY IS TRURO'S FUTURE.
Help us to preserve and protect both.



COBB LIBRARY RESTORATION FUND
DONATION FORM for TNRTA MATCHING FUNDS

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
Address: _____

*Checks should be made payable to **the Cobb Library Fund** & are fully tax deductible.*
Note on memo section of check: "TNRTA Match."

*Mail to: Truro Historical Society, P.O. Box 486, Truro, MA 02666 or
TNRTA, P.O. Box 324, Truro, MA 02666*



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