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## Minutes of Twenty Fourth Annual Members' Meeting

Truro Meetinghouse | Truro, MA  
Saturday, July 6, 2019

**With a quorum of the Board, and more than 75 Members in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM**

**Guest Speakers: Cathy Haynes, President,** opened the meeting and introduced Select Board Chair **Jan Worthington, a guest speaker.** She also introduced Select Board members Maureen Burgess and Sue Areson, who were in the audience, as well as guest speaker **Daniel Schell of Cape Light Compact.**

A motion was passed to conduct meeting business after both guest speakers had completed their remarks.

**Select Board Chair Worthington** said Town has acquired a 70 acre parcel of land formerly owned by the **Walsh** family. Based on Select Board and community wishes the plans for how this land is to be used will be determined in a manner that takes into account the wants and needs of the community. The process is to be transparent, broadly participated, and unhurried. Worthington added the process would lead to a plan of what the site would look like, how it would be used i.e a mixed use plan for the property, and how it would benefit the Town in the future. Long and short term effect on Town finances would also be an important factor—this could include exploration of revenue generating opportunities. This would mean a planning committee or body that included the interests of year round and part time residents, local business owners, peoples advocating for housing needs, economic development etc.

**Daniel Schell** described Cape Light Compact which with Eversource is aiming toward a goal of maximal use of renewable energy sources. This includes an emphasis on use of solar power. In Truro's case where houses and open land are free of overhead obstruction there is ample opportunity to take advantage of solar. In addition the Commonwealth is subsidizing installation of solar making it virtually free to install and costing users money less in utility bills. He said it eas a clear opportunity to reduce fossil fuel, aiding the environment and climate change impact.

A brief Q&A followed with both speakers.

### Meeting Business

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of the previous Annual Membership Meeting (2018) were approved.
2. **Cathy Haynes** described the organization's finances and membership as robust, citing also various benefits TPRTA and its members provide to the community in monetary contributions and volunteer service. The organization communicates with semi-annual newsletters and via email as well as its website.

With the recent **Town budget approaching \$26 million**, including capital expenditures, TPRTA will be an even stronger advocate further regionalization of certain services across Outer Cape towns. In addition TPRTA is asking for 5 year rolling plan and budget from top down. Part-timers represent approximately 80% of the Town tax base and are a key driver of the local economy. It's important to stay informed, TPRTA helps with that. Part timers can communicate issues to the Town directly and to TPRTA at TPRTA.org. Cathy Haynes asked for people to volunteer to become TPRTA Board members.

3. Development of an additional Tradesmen's Park (South) is underway on Route 6 south at Castle Rd. There is no clear statement regarding location of the curb cut. It will likely be on Castle Rd.
4. The **Cloverleaf** housing project on State donated four acres at the Highland Rd.–Route 6 intersection is in a design stage. Developer's plans call for a dense apartment complex of 43 units in three buildings one of which is large and tall. The project now goes to Zoning Board for review.
5. **The MA Short Term Room Rental Tax** is now in effect. It is expected Truro will receive a windfall benefit of approximately \$400,00 annually from this tax. To be voted on by Town. A possible overall tax reduction is one possible direction.
6. **Questions** concerned overdevelopment, budget and spending oversight, and sustainability of Truro
7. **Adjournment.** Business was concluded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25AM

Respectfully submitted by: Frank Korahais, TPRTA Board Secretary