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Minutes of Twenty Sixth Annual Members' Meeting
Truro MA | via ZOOM | Saturday, July 9, 2022

With a quorum of Members in attendance the meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM

President's Report: **Anthony Garrett, President**, opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, recognized TPRTA Board Members, and thanked them for their service. He then described the procedure to be followed in this virtual meeting, noting that Member questions would be submitted and coordinated to ensure full presentation and response.

1. **2021 Annual Meeting Minutes** were approved by the Board.
2. TPRTA's finances remain sound and the organization remains in sound financial shape. Membership is robust. Indeed, the email announcements from TPRTA reach an audience exceeding 1500.
3. In his remarks, Anthony Garrett described TPRTA as fair, objective voice representing the non-voting taxpayers of Truro and committed to the good of the entire Truro community. The non-voting taxpayers of Truro continue to provide the lion's share of funding for Truro and are the primary engine for Truro's economy. Part-time residents provide nearly 85% of taxes and fees received by the Town. In addition, TPRTA has provided time and expertise to Town committees, provides a passthrough service wherein its members contribute to Truro's scholarship program, and supports Town charitable and civic organizations.
4. Garrett added that as the new President, he introduced himself to, and continued TPRTA's dialogue with town leadership through quarterly meetings. He noted that there is a shared view between full and part-time residents that housing that is affordable is among the Town's primary needs and at the same time, a substantial number of taxpayers feel that addressing housing needs should be prudently managed.
5. Garrett extended an invitation to TPRTA members to become more actively engaged in Town affairs through committee participation where needed--and more importantly to remain aware of Town plans and proposals particularly in "off-season."
6. As in the past TPRTA urges those that can to become Truro voters. There are numerous projects ahead and all could seriously affect the Town's future expenditures and Town character
7. Members' question and comments covered a range of topics: Housing - how much, where and at what cost? Protecting the environment and preserving the rural character of Truro remain the top priorities of both full and part-timers. The Walsh property, a large property with both opportunity and some peril to Truro's small town feel, which should be preserved. In addition to financial impact, the various plans could impact the ecological balance of the community in terms of air, water quality and general effects of climate change.
8. Opposition to the RTE remains strong among part-timers. It presently represents a 20% burden to part time residents, but legally it caps at 35%. Members noted that there is no telling what Truro's voters will do as Town budgets and plans grow. It takes no account of means or needs for those residents who benefit from it but what if it keeps increasing. The Tax Rate Classification Meeting may take place in August (TPRTA will advise members of date). That is when the tax implications of budget will be clearer.
9. Q&A: Questions from attendees reflected on the issues raised by the President and prompted further discussion on the possible impact of just a few voters.

Respectfully submitted
Frank Korahais, TPRTA Secretary