

Town Manager Misrepresents Citizen's Comments

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Dear Editor,

I met with our Town Manager as a private citizen, an individual voter, in late November and asked one simple question about his push to revisit Route 6 for the DPW when the voters clearly said no to Route 6 and yes to Town Hall Hill. However, in his most recent *Truro Talks* (not Truro News) he said this:

“Unfortunately, the DPW Study Group’s inaccurate low-cost proposal did sway voters at Town Meeting as confirmed with my face-to-face conversation with a founding member of Take Back Truro citizens group.”

This is not accurate. I made it unequivocally clear when I met him that it was as a private citizen and not as a member of any group. I never said the DPW Study Group’s proposed cost was inaccurately low and it definitely is not my view. And attributing the made-up comment to me as a “founding member of TBT” is meant to undermine TBT in my opinion.

I have written to the Town Manager and the Select Board to set the record straight. The Town Manager initially replied to me that based on conversations with presumed members of TBT, “several” have indicated they share his perspective and that he “infers” or assumes this to be a broader view. It is certainly his view, but he has no basis to make this inference. We know 600+ well-informed voters said NO to Route 6 as a DPW site and YES to Town Hall Hill. We also said NO to an extravagant and expensive DPW anywhere in Truro.

More to the point, he had no basis to attribute these views to me and try to report them as facts to further his own agenda - an agenda that voters resoundingly rejected.

At the most recent Select Board meeting (Jan 14) he partially corrected these remarks, acknowledging that I did not personally say the DPW Group’s cost was inaccurately low and that I spoke only as myself. I appreciate these corrections. But the place where he made this was not the same place he put these erroneous statements out to the public. For this reason, I place this letter in Truro News for public consideration.

And my real concern remains: Why are a few Town officials working so hard to overthrow voters’ decisions by making stuff up?

Thank you for letting your readers get this correction also.

Sincerely,

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