

## Letter to the Editor

I, along with a pretty good crowd of informed, interested Truro Voters, attended the Truro DPW Forum on Wednesday, March 27.

It was an informative forum with important, necessary information and questions. This was a hybrid meeting, available online and attended remotely as well.

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the budget and Town bonds/interest rates, and about an upcoming DPW Ad Hoc group of citizens/town employees who are looking at potential savings and redesign of the existing proposed plan for the 340 Rt 6 building site. Questions arose regarding possible alternative sites, but the Ad Hoc committee is charged to focused only on the 340 Rt 6 location. A few residents present and online mentioned that the Town Hall Hill existing DPW site should be considered.

It was brought up that it is possible there may be potential environmental issues with the Rt 6 site. As the Ad Hoc committee is studying this site my thoughts are:

- Shouldn't all potential sites for the Truro DPW as well as any sites/land the Town of Truro is considering for possible present or future development (or acquisition), be environmentally tested before further consideration or action is taken?
- Are we wasting time by not testing/knowing if a site passes environmental standards?
- What will it cost to clean up a site if contaminated?

I understand that some amount of PFAS/forever chemicals has been found on the "Noons land" at 2 Sand Pit Road that the Select Board wants voters to agree to purchase (ATM Article 16). There should be no speculation about possible/potential contamination issues on any land that the Town considers for possible development.

If any land is contaminated, we should know the costs for clean-up if we are buying or potentially developing any site, except possibly land that is designated for potential Conservation/Open space purposes.

Regards,

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