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Let's First Finish What We Started

Dear Editor:

I appreciated reading about the important issues that Roberta Lema and Warren Tobias raised in their recent letters to Truro News. I believe that a majority of taxpayers feel that government officials at every level—federal, state, and local—are not representing the public's priorities. Once elected, political leaders are subject to many influences and pressures, often resulting in a drift from priorities they were elected to uphold. In Truro, zoning proposals, rising costs, water concerns, more traffic, and an overall threat to our quality of life are real examples.

Taxation Without Representation

A wedge exists in Truro between year-round and part-time residents. Both groups care deeply about Truro but only one enjoys full participation in guiding its course. Year-round citizens have an opportunity to express their opinions at the ballot box. Part-time residents, though, who contribute roughly 75% of property-tax revenue to the Town, are deprived of their political voice because they are not permitted to vote. To the detriment of all of us, without a means to convey their wishes by voting, too many part-timers also withdraw from other forms of public engagement. It is the responsibility of our government officials to represent all of their constituents, not just those who decide their political fate.

Time to Apply the Brakes on Further Spending and Development

This is a critical time for all taxpayers to save what we have. A place and quality of life we have invested in, both emotionally and financially. With property taxes, insurance, utilities, and general costs rising, it is time to curb spending where we can. Finish what we have started before approving more development and spending more money. Preserve Truro's fragile environment, clean water, and historic character. In particular, I support the following actions:

1. Complete Cloverleaf.

Finish the 43-unit development, ensure it is fully rented at the required levels, and confirm the wastewater system works as designed.

2. Resolve the Truro Motor Inn site.

With its boarded up doors and windows, the Truro Motor Inn site continues to be an eye sore to all who travel by it on Route 6, our major artery. Demolish the existing structures, design a replacement plan, and estimate total costs. If the town does not move forward, sell the property. If it proceeds, use existing town housing financing and reserve units for town employees and current residents.

3. Build a scaled-down DPW - something we can afford! - and secure a new water supply for Town Hall Hill.

4. Vote down any additional spending or rezoning until steps 1–2–3 are complete.

Regards,
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