

Hello, I am Susan Girard-Irwin.

After much consideration, I have decided to run for one of the open Truro Select Board seats. My reason is simple—I think I can make a difference.

My wife, Carol, and I had a plan to move to Truro long before we retired here in 2019. We vacationed on the Outer Cape for years, were married at Long Point, and watched both of our daughters get engaged at Herring Cove Beach. Now, our three grandkids love visiting their Mom-Mom and Mimi on the Cape.

I currently serve on three Town boards. I am the vice-chair on the Council on Aging (COA) Board, co-chair on the Open Space Committee (OSC), and the OSC member on the Community Preservation Committee. I am proud of the work and my contributions to these committees/boards, especially the focus on the state of the COA. I regularly volunteer with food preparations for the Truro Community Kitchen. I have also engaged in several other volunteer programs—the Center for Coastal Studies, Habitat for Humanity, food pantry deliveries, and assisting a local artist with her after-school program.

I am a board-certified toxicologist with extensive leadership experience as a manager of large teams in the pharmaceutical sector and oil industry. I was also a representative for global drug development projects, a toxicology expert on strategy teams and research decision boards, and a participant and facilitator on cross-functional projects.

I do not have an agenda but I am very focused on the needs of our seniors, housing, food insecurities, education, and the environment. These issues are important to me, and as a scientist, I make decisions based on facts and data.

If you are a Truro voter who is tired of the divisiveness and looking for transparency—who wants a doer in leadership and not just an observer, who is looking for a good listener and not a teller, and who is searching for the Select Board to focus on the solutions and not the problems, then vote for me, Susan Girard-Irwin. At the end of the day, I will be a representative who puts in the time and effort to bring folks together to get things done.

I would appreciate your consideration and your vote.

Susan Girard-Irwin