



# **TOWN OF TRURO**

## **Housing Authority**

P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666-2030

### **Minutes of the Truro Housing Authority (THA)**

#### **Thursday, January 21, 2016**

THA Members Present: Carl Brotman (chair), Mary Rose, Jay Vivian, Mark Wisotzky  
Others: Bonnie Sollog, Steven Sollog, Susan Todd, Claudia Tuckey, Paul Wisotzky.

Mr. Brotman called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. The first seven items covered were those listed in the previously published agenda:

- 1) Approval of the minutes from the Thursday, December 10, 2015 meeting was deferred. Members voted unanimously to support Jay Vivian's appointment as THA clerk and secretary, replacing Jeannette de Beauvoir.
- 2) Susan Todd's nomination to replace prior THA member Jeannette de Beauvoir was discussed. Members supported her nomination unanimously. She will be interviewed by the Truro Selectmen on February 9, 2016, who will then vote on her nomination to replace Ms. de Beauvoir until the May 10 town election.
- 3) There was a discussion about the sale of a Habitat for Humanity home at 12 Old Firehouse Road. An eligible, interested buyer has been identified, and the sale will update the deed restriction to our current "best practices" format. The format used when the house was built 17 years ago linked the allowable sale price to home price growth, not income growth, which is not optimal in today's environment with home prices rising more quickly than local incomes. On Tuesday, January 26, the Truro Selectmen will review a proposal to allocate \$22,125 from the Truro Housing Trust to bridge the gap for this home, including marketing and Realtor fees, in order retain the deed restriction in perpetuity.
- 4) The permitting and acquisition process is going well on 143 Route 6, the new Habitat for Humanity property on Edgewood Drive. The necessary approvals from the Zoning Board of Appeals are expected to be in place by Monday, January 25, at which point the land will be purchased by Habitat.
- 5) The application to the Truro CPC for \$40K in funds for technical assistance, to be co-administered with \$50K of similar funding in Wellfleet, was discussed. These funds would be used only as needed, typically in bursts of activity which are not well-supported by employees but better managed by temporary use of people with

housing expertise. Examples of projects that would benefit by this funding would be researching Affordable Accessory Dwelling Units (AADU) or helping research/manage getting the Mass. Department of Transportation (DoT) property in North Truro. Mr. Brotman and Mr. Vivian brought the proposal to the Truro CPC on Friday, December 11, 2015. The response was positive, and in response to a request for more specifics, Mr. Wisotzky followed up with more details, presented to the CPC on Thursday, January 14, 2016. The CPC will discuss on Friday, January 22 whether or not this might be one of the CPC items brought for consideration to Truro's Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 26.

- 6) The chances of Truro obtaining part of a state Department of Transportation property near the intersection of Route 6 and Highland Road continue to look promising. Paul Wisotzky and Rae Ann Palmer will go to Boston on Thursday, January 28 to meet with officials there to discuss next steps.
- 7) The updated housing plan for Truro is nearing completion. It will be reviewed with the Selectmen on Tuesday, February 23, and with the Planning Board. It will then go to the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for final review and acceptance, the culmination of several years of work.

With the items on the agenda completed, several final items were covered:

Mr. Vivian mentioned sadly the passing of Caroline Herron, a Truro resident and long-time affordable housing advocate. The group recalled her long, energetic efforts on behalf of Truro in this area, and all agreed that her loss would be felt. A memorial will be held on May 22.

Claudia Tuckey, from the board of directors of the Truro Council on Aging (CoA), provided a brief update on the survey they are working on. They are meeting weekly on it, and it is moving along well. She mentioned that they are working with the Town of Truro, and the Truro Non-Residents Taxpayers' Association (TNRTA), to ensure broad and inclusive distribution for it.

Finally, the next THA meeting date was set for 4:15 pm on Thursday, February 18. The meeting ended at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Vivian, THA Clerk & Secretary

