

Truro Housing Authority Minutes: March 10, 2022 at 4:15 pm – Video Conference

Committee Members attending: Kevin Grunwald, Chair; Betty Gallo, Vice Chair; Mary Rose, Mara Glatzel, Mark Wisotzky, and Kristen Reed, Select Board Representative.

Also attending: Barbara Huggins Carboni, Town Planner/Land Use Counsel; Leedara Zola, Housing Consultant; Jennifer Goldson and Delaney Almond, JM Golden; Eliza Harned, Town Organizer.

Roll Call.

Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2022. Correction to record, secretary misspelled Betty Gallo's name. Betty made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2022. Correction to record, secretary misspelled input. Betty made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Public comment. None.

Discussion of governor's appointment to THA. Mark Wisotzky's term on THA has expired and THA is actively seeking someone to fill his spot. Interested parties need to fill out an application with the select board. The selectboard will interview interested parties and then recommend an appointee to the governor's office.

JM Goldson Team Housing Needs Assessment & Housing Plan Presentation.

- Proposed housing plan includes a housing needs assessment. The plan includes:
 - Current town demographics
 - Housing stock, conditions, and affordability
 - Development constraints (environment, infrastructure)
 - Local housing Goals and strategies
 - Implementation action plan for the next 5 years
- JM Goldson to conduct five, approximately 90-minute focus groups of 7 people each. Suggested groups included families, seniors, business owners, town officials, and part time residents.
- THA discussion about how to choose participants for these focus groups, which will need to be formed over the course of the next month.
- Next steps: THA members to send thoughts about the process & goals to Jenn by March 17th and meet for a 45-minute work session on March 24th at 4:15 pm.

Discussion and Vote on Supporting the Warrant to Create a Municipal Housing Trust.

Presented by Betty Gallo and Leedara Zola, who explained the opportunity for THA to support an article to modernize Truro's housing trust. This update will include members who are

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appointed by the select board and have the ability to pursue housing opportunities that arise throughout the year.

THA voted to endorse the article with a formal statement of support. Mark Wisotzky moved that we support the creation of an affordable housing trust as described in this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Rose. Committee members voted unanimously.

Updates:

- A. Our rental assistance program now has three people taking part in the program, with a new application that looks promising.
- B. Walsh committee hasn't met since we last met.
- C. Cloverleaf project is now out of litigation and moving forward. Developer is anticipating December 2024 anticipating occupancy.
- D. 181 Route 6, THA is waiting for Habitat to submit their presentation to the select board before issuing an official letter of support for the project.

Next Meetings: Thurs, March 24th at 4:15 pm.

Motion to Adjourn. Mary Rose made the motion to adjourn; Betty Gallo seconded the motion. The committee unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mara Glatzel, Secretary

