

Truro Housing Authority Minutes: January 13, 2022 at 4:15 pm -- Video Conference

Committee Members attending: Kevin Grunwald, Chair; Betty Gallo, Mary Rose, Mara Glatzel, and Mark Wisotzky.

Also attending: Barbara Huggins Carboni, Town Planner/Land Use Counsel; Leedara Zola, Housing Consultant; Mark Nelson, Engineering Consultant from Horsley Witten.

Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2021 Meeting. Mary Rose moved to approve the minutes. Betty Gallo seconded the motion. Mark abstained. Otherwise the vote was unanimous.

III. Public comment.

- Jack Reimer requested that THA at a meeting explain The Local Initiative Program (LIP) and how it could be used to develop housing in Truro.
- Amy W. request that environmental repercussions of moving forward with Rt 6 property
- Brian Boyle had a question about how ADUs are counted towards the town's affordable housing stock

IV. Questions and Comments from the Public, Regards to the Horsley Witten Engineering Review of the Proposed Affordable Housing Neighborhood, 181 Route 6. Mark Nelson answered questions from the public about how to approach the slope of the property in order to protect the abutting property, the usage of retaining walls, cost of project and viability, and location of the wells and septic systems. Mary Rose pointed out that 181 Route 6 was purchased for affordable housing using CPC funds at town meeting. If the property cannot be used for affordable housing, the land should be sold and the funds should be returned to CPC.

V. Response to Steve Stahl's Inquiry about the Mission and Procedures of the Truro Housing Authority. Discussion between THA members and the public about the purpose of the housing authority and how it works to serve the housing needs in Truro.

VI. New Rental Assistance Program. Presented by Betty Gallo. The new program will replace the emergency program for covid-related reasons. Participants in the program can now have up to \$600 of their rent covered for up to 3 years. We also raised the AMI to 100%.

Betty made a motion that THA recommends that the Select Board approve the inclusion of Town Employees who don't live in Truro but otherwise qualify in the Rental Assistance Program. Mary seconded the motion and it was voted for unanimously.

VII. Updates:

A. RFQ for Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Production Plan. We have accepted a proposal and work will get started in March.

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B. LCPC, THA, and Walsh Committee Survey. The survey has received over 600 responses. It is the LCPC's intention to close the survey at the end of this month and start looking at results.

C. Cloverleaf Court Case Update. No update at this time.

D. Walsh Property Committee. No update at this time.

VIII. Discussion of the Time of Future Truro Housing Authority Meetings. Board decided to stick with the current time of 4:15 on the second Thursday of the month. Next month we will meet Thursday, February 10th at 4:15 pm.

Adjourn. Mary motioned, Mark seconded. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mara Glatzel

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