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TRURO HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES FROM MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2014

Minutes of THA meeting November 21, 2014

The THA met with Highland Affordable Housing's Board on Friday, November 21, 2014.

Mary Rose, Mark Wizotsky and Carl Brotman attended the meeting.

Mary Abt, Jane Lea, Kathleen Henry and Chris Vasquez represented Highland.

We reviewed the changes in the mandate for the meeting that had originally been proposed by the Selectmen. It had been seen as a policy meeting designed to get the THA moving forward with new projects and possibly addressing condo bylaw changes. Now it is being viewed as a meeting for educating the public and gathering support for community housing.

We discussed how other local housing meetings had been organized. The general format was; a few speakers, updates on initiatives, summary of previous work and how citizens can help the effort. These reached about 70-100 people at a time. There were several criticisms of this format and people wondered how we might better address our community. A few people felt that large meetings were tedious at best, and had little 'take home' value. There was greater enthusiasm for developing a presentation, part audio-visual and part informal discussion, that could be brought to various Town venues (schools, Town Committees, TNRT, COA, etc). While this might be a more labor-intensive approach, people felt it would generate greater 'real' contact with our constituencies and also give us feedback about how citizens felt.

It was decided that the first step we could take along these lines would be to each generate a 6 item list of what we would want to convey about affordable community housing. We will meet next time and try to find consensus about our central goals and priorities.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Brotman, Acting Clerk