



TOWN OF TRURO

Truro Housing Authority

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TRURO HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES

August 10 2017 Truro Town Hall

THA Members Present: Carl Brotman, Kevin Grunwald, Mary Rose, Susan Todd

THA Member Absent: Mark Wisotzky

Others Present: Leedara Zola, consultant, Adrian Cyr, Highland Affordable Housing

1. **Approval of minutes** from May 11 2017. Motion: Kevin Grunwald, Second: Mary Rose. Unanimous
2. **Update on transfer of "Cloverleaf" land to the Town and initial site planning work.** The deed has been negotiated but is not yet turned over to the town.
3. **Habitat for Humanity award for community partnership.** The THA and Highland Affordable Housing have been selected as honorees at Habitat's Annual Meeting for the Community Partner award. The Habitat letter states: "Your two organizations, with your members who are tireless advocates and activists for affordable housing, set a tremendous example for all towns and citizen committees and Boards in how you promote affordable housing in your community, and work with community partners such as Habitat to find and fund land, overcome obstacles, and garner community support and funding....Thank you for your vision, hard work and wisdom. You make it possible for Habitat to keep lifting up the circumstances of more and more families in our community." The award ceremony will be held in S. Yarmouth on Thursday September 14th at 4 PM.

4. **Housing Production Plan: report from the subcommittee.** The subcommittee includes Carl Brotman, Kevin Grunwald, Adrian Cyr and Leedara Zola. A draft document of the HHP was presented, discussed and unanimously approved by the THA: Motion: Mary Rose, Second: Kevin Grunwald. A long discussion focused on how to get accurate information out to the community as well as getting feedback from citizens perhaps through public open meetings, a survey, a newsletter, a THA annual report with highlights, information flyers distributed to the schools, businesses and civic organization, the Agricultural Fair at the Highland Affordable Housing table, and public forums at the Planning Board and the Board of Selectman who will meet to adopt a final form of the HHP.
5. **143 RT 6 Update on Habitat for Humanity project.** Foundation work has begun and the project is moving along on schedule. The lottery for the 3 planned houses has been completed with Truro residents receiving first preference and all houses are for local regional residents. The houses include a 3, 2, and 1 bedroom configuration.
6. **Discussion of HAC-CDP Housing Institute proposal.** The Community Development Partnership (CDP) and the Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) have partnered to launch the Cape Cod Housing Partnership (CCHP) to offer workshops and trainings to build support for affordable housing on Cape Cod. Region wide there is such a lack of affordable housing that lower and moderate income families are experiencing a struggle to find homes. The CCHP will offer 6 sessions of training for town elected and appointed officials, advocacy training for the community, and a public education campaign. Kevin Grunwald is the captain of Team Truro and will attend the trainings and help identify others from Truro to attend. Highland Affordable Housing will participate. The first trainings in Wellfleet will start October 12 from 2-4. The THA unanimously thanked Kevin.

The next THA meeting time is yet to be decided. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Todd
Susan Todd, Secretary

