



TOWN OF TRURO Housing Authority

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

Minutes of the Truro Housing Authority (THA) Thursday, March 10, 2016

THA Members Present: Carl Brotman (chair), Mary Rose, Susan Todd, Jay Vivian, Mark Wisotzky

Others: Kevin Grunwald, Rae Ann Palmer, Bonnie Sollog, Steven Sollog, Claudia Tuckey, Paul Wisotzky.

Mr. Brotman called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Mr. Brotman called for public comments, and Mr. Sollog indicated that he would like a recording of the meetings, and that in the absence of such provided by the Town, he would be recording the meeting. It was agreed that this was permissible, as long as permission had been granted, and permission was granted.

Ms. Sollog then asked what consideration was being made for moving THA meetings to a larger room; the answer was the other main meeting room was reserved for a meeting today, but that with attendance growing it would be considered for future meetings.

Minutes from the Thursday, December 10, 2015 and Thursday, January 21, 2016 THA meetings had been previously been distributed. Hard copies were distributed to Authority members, and were read and approved.

Susan Todd is now a member of the THA; she was interviewed and approved by the Truro Selectmen on February 9. Her current term runs until the Town elections on May 10 (~9 weeks).

Re the Old Firehouse Road home, the closing will occur tomorrow, on Friday, March 11. The closing will include payments to the seller, the Realtors, and the Housing Assistance Corporation. The total from the Truro Housing Authority trust will be \$22,125, as authorized by the Selectmen. The deed restriction

update is being handled by the DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) Local Initiative Program, and will ensure that the home will remain on the Truro's subsidized housing inventory.

Re 181 Route 6, there is no estimate from the court on when the ruling will come down.

Re 143 Route 6, the well and water-testing is continuing. The first well site was near Route 6, and it appears to have road salt in it. Other sites will be drilled farther away from Route 6, and the involved parties are confident that good water will be obtained there.

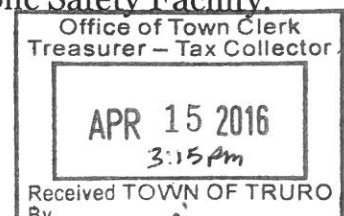
Re the MA Department of Transportation "cloverleaf" lot on the northeast corner of the intersection of Route 6 and Highland Road, the potential state donation of about 4 acres for use as Truro affordable and community housing is moving along nicely. Truro Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer and Truro Selectman Paul Wisotzky met in Boston on Thursday, January 28 with state officials, and it went well. The Truro Selectmen will meet shortly to decide about including the agreement to receive the property as an item on the Warrant for Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 26.

Re the Truro Housing Plan, Mr. Brotman described the process for adopting the Housing Plan, as specified in DHCD regulations. It will need to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board, and then brought to DHCD by the Chair of the Board of Selectmen. He said the report needs extensive editing because it consists of reports that were written years apart, and noted that the DHCD had reviewed the draft and made specific recommendations that were included in the Housing Production Plan section. If the Truro Community Preservation Committee grant for a part-time housing consultant is approved at Town Meeting, the editing project might be part of the consultant's work. The Plan draft will be tabled until later this year.

Ms. Tuckey gave a brief update on the Council on Aging survey, indicating that it may be delayed a bit to ensure a broader response.

In response to a question, Mr. Brotman mentioned that the Affordable Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw will be discussed at the Truro Planning Board on Tuesday, March 15. It is possible that this will be put on the THA agenda at some time in the future.

Mr. Sollog suggested that future agendas be more detailed, and specifically mention properties that were going to be discussed. He was specifically interesting in 340 Route 6, the lot just south of the Truro Public Safety Facility.



He also suggested that the use of acronyms should include spelling them out the first time they are used in a meeting or document.

Finally, the next THA meeting was set for 4:15 pm on Thursday April 14, 2016.

The meeting ended at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Vivian, THA Clerk & Secretary

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