



# TOWN OF TRURO

## Housing Authority

P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666

### Minutes of the Truro Housing Authority Meeting, 16 July 2014

*Present from THA:* Carl Brotman (chair), Jeannette de Beauvoir, Mary Rose, Mark Wisotzky.

- 1) **Housing authority:** Mark Wisotzky has been approved for seat on THA.
- 2) **Project updates:**
  - a. **181 route 6:** No change; appeal has gone in and issue is now in litigation.
  - b. **340 route 6:** Funding delay in hiring engineers (Mass Housing Partnership) but that has been resolved.
  - c. **2 North Union Field Road:** No change. Attorney will be available in August for title search.
- 3) **Funding options:** Discussion of upcoming expenses and timing (CPC deadline in October). Possibility of obtaining CPC money for housing shopping; decision deferred to August meeting. Carl called John Ryan re. bonds. Feedback:
  - a. Deb McCutcheon proposed a bond from CPC: John knows of no project in any town that has been funded that way.
  - b. If we identified a massive piece of property, we could try and get the cash from town meeting, but it's unlikely that major tracts of land would come to us (usually go to conservation trust, private developers, Castle Hill, etc.).
  - c. Some towns' Housing Trust has been rewritten allowing for release of funds before town meeting. Then the CPC puts 30-60% of funding in; this still would require project approval. Trust could operate off-town funding schedule. Significant political process.
  - d. Possibility of approaching private landowners directly; a large tract of land could be divided between us and Conservation Trust (two acres for us, eight for them): social benefit.
  - e. Rental subsidies: 144 renters in town, half of them would qualify for subsidy. John pointed out that rental subsidies will entail 10-15 hours per person over a year, so necessary to hire an administrator (verify income, verify apartments, etc.). Also apartments must be legal.
  - f. Senior housing: this is a regional issue (need space not only for seniors, but also for workers), large facilities, resources, etc. require a regional approach. We'll start a survey; THA is committed to

making it work in view of demographics. It takes years to do so the sooner the better.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday August 13th at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette de Beauvoir

Clerk and Secretary, Truro Housing Authority