



TOWN OF TRURO
Truro Housing Authority
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TRURO HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES

JULY 12, 2018

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

Others Present: Rae Ann Palmer, Town Manager, Paul Wisotzky, Select Board, Leedara Zola (by phone) Housing Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous THA meeting on May 18, 2018 were approved. Mark Wisotzky moved, Kevin Grunwald second. Unanimous.

UPDATES ON THE ENGINEERING RFQ AND THE DEVELOPER RFP FOR THE CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the engineering work to extend the nearby water line to the site has gone out for bid. There is a possibility of a grant from Mass Works to fund the construction work for this project. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for a developer for the Cloverleaf Affordable Housing Project will be finalized soon and issued.

DISCUSSION OF EXTENDING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S WORK ON THE 181 RT 6 SITE

Habitat for Humanity's work on the site at 143 Rt 6 is nearing completion. The other Habitat site at 181 Rt 6 is currently delayed by an abutter's lawsuit. The deadline for the start of this 181 Route 6 Habitat for Humanity housing project is here. Whether Habitat builds or not, the land must still be used for affordable housing. After much discussion it was moved by Mark Wisotzky to request that Habitat come to our board meeting and give us an update on the pending lawsuit at 181 Rt 6. Kevin Grunwald, second. Unanimous. The THA will also request that Rae Ann Palmer talk with KP Law about the status of the lawsuit and report to the committee.

ANNUAL MEETING-ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the THA annual meeting the following officers were elected: Kevin Grunwald, Chairman; Carl Brotman, Vice Chairman; Carl Brotman, Treasurer; Susan Todd, Secretary. Carl Brotman moved approval. Mary Rose, second. Unanimous.

HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN - THA NEXT FOCUS

The HPP is very helpful in showing the complexity of what THA does and that it takes more than volunteers. Paul Wisotzky praised the work of Carl Brotman as Chairman of the THA over the last 8 years. He brought the work of affordable housing from "turtle speed to lightening speed." Carl Brotman is pleased that Truro citizens now understand the need for affordable housing in Truro.

THA discussed two possible next steps. One is to invite Nick Norman to our meeting. He is the chairman on the open space committee which has done an inventory of municipally owned land. Together we would explore any parcels that might have potential for affordable housing development. Kevin Grunwald will reach out to the open space committee. The second focus would be to conduct an inventory of larger parcels of land with possible affordable housing potential. Leedara will coordinate with the assessor to explore this.

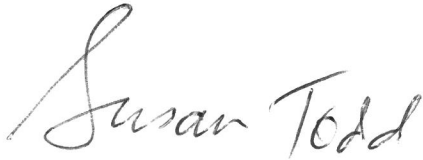
REPORT FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TRURO CONSERVATION TRUST CHAIR

Carl Brotman has been having on going discussions with Fred Gaechter from the TCT. They both agree that open land and housing should co-exist.

The THA meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 13, 2018 in Truro Town Hall at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Todd".

Susan Todd, Secretary

