

Truro Housing Authority Minutes: October 14, 2021 at 4:15 pm -- Video Conference

Committee Members attending: Kevin Grunwald, Chair; Betty Gallo, Mary Rose, Mara Glatzel, Mark Wisotzky, and Stephanie Rein, Select Board Representative.

Also attending: Barbara Huggins Carboni, Town Planner/Land Use Counsel; Leedara Zola, Housing Consultant

Public Comment. None.

Approval of Minutes. Mark moved to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes and Betty seconded. The minutes were then approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

Community Engagement Surveys. Brief discussion about the inclusion of housing related questions in the comprehensive planning committee survey. Barbara gave a report of how many responses had been received (285) and how long it would run (through the end of October). Betty gave a report about the Walsh property survey.

Rental Assistance: Vote on Changing the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to A Regular Rental Assistance Program. Betty Gallo gave a presentation about recent conversations she and Mara had been having with Nancy Winslow, school social worker at TCS, Homeless Prevention Council, Outer Cape Navigator, and others about how to improve the rental assistance program. She proposed that we change the program from an emergency rental assistance program to a regular assistance program, similar to programs in neighboring towns. These changes include:

- the name of the program
- the duration that people are able to receive support (3 years)
- Monthly allotment (\$350 - \$500 per month depending on circumstances)
- Renegotiating with Homeless Prevention Council to manage the revamped program

Betty moved to bring these changes to a vote, Mark seconded the motion, and it was passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Select Board's Goals and Objectives. Committee discussed reaching out to the Select Board to express our appreciation and support in achieving their housing related goals, including conducting a housing needs survey and reviewing town owned land that might be appropriate for future housing projects.

Municipal Housing Trusts and Report on Lower Cape Towns That Have Such Trusts. Leedara and Betty shared their findings and continued effort to speak to neighboring towns about the changes to their housing trusts in order to inform whether or not that might be something Truro wanted to pursue as well.

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Vote on Updating the Housing Needs Assessment for Truro and Requesting funds from the CPC for The Housing Needs Assessment. Committee discussion about the advantages of conducting a new housing needs assessment for Truro and the best route forward to secure funding for conducting the assessment. Kevin made the motion to update our housing needs assessment for truro and requesting up to \$30K from the affordable housing trust to fund that assessment. Mary seconded his motion. THA voted unanimously in favor in a roll call vote.

Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting. THA will gather to discuss and vote on how to proceed with the CPC mini grant application, as well as other CPC funding related questions.

Next Meetings: Wednesday, October 20 at 5 pm.

Motion to Adjourn. Mary made the motion. Betty second. Decision to adjourn was met by a unanimous roll call vote at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mara Glatzel, Secretary

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