

Truro Housing Authority Minutes: April 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm -- In-Person Meeting at Truro Town Hall in the Historic Meeting Room.

Committee Members attending: Kevin Grunwald, Chair; Betty Gallo, Vice Chair; Mara Glatzel, member. Members Paul Wisotzky and Melissa Wheeler were absent.

I. Roll Call

II. Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 14, 2024 meeting. Mara misspelled Kevin's name on the third page at the top. Betty made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Kevin seconded the motion. Minutes from March 14, 2024 were passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

III. Public Comment. None.

IV. Outreach and Update on the Speaker Series Around Housing.

THA is continuing to work on spreading the word about the upcoming speaker series. Discussion included additional locations for outreach, including the post office, community center, food bank, and Truro Community Kitchen.

Library to share the event from their own social media channels.

Mara to send the graph to TCS for their weekly update, and reach out to Katie Riconda about sharing the forum in whatever way is possible through Town social media channels.

V. Update on the Rental Assistance Program. (Quarterly report attached to agenda.) Betty presented.

During the last quarter, the rental assistance program grew from 8 participants to 12 participants. All participants are involved in social services that Homeless Prevention provides. THA is very pleased at this growth.

THA discussed additional venues for getting the word out about the program through asking people (members included) to share on their personal social media pages. Mara will post the newest flyer to her Facebook page this week.

VI. Discussion of Advocacy and Possible Vote on Town Meetings Articles (Special and Annual Town Meeting) Including Articles Related to: Walsh Property Committee Recommendations; Housing Trust Fund (CPC Funds); Local Comprehensive Plan; Duplex Article; and Affordable housing on Undersized Lots, and Purchase of the Truro Motor Inn.

The Housing Authority voted to support all these articles at the previous meeting except for the article to Purchase of the Truro Motor Inn for Affordable Housing.

THA members to speak at town meeting in support of the following articles are:

- Walsh property (Betty)
- CPC funding request (Betty)
- LCPC (Mara)
- Duplex (Mara)
- Affordable Housing on Undersized Lots (Mara)

Kevin made a motion for THA to support the warrant article on the purchase of the Truro Motor Inn. Mara seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Kevin to speak on the Truro Motor Inn article at Annual Town Meeting.

VII. Vote to Adjourn. Betty made a motion to adjourn. Mara seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9 at 5 pm at the Truro Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Mara Glatzel, Secretary

Action Plan

The matrix below provides specific assignment of the responsible entity, supporting entity, and timeframe to implement each housing strategies.

#	Housing Strategies	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Responsible Entity	Supporting Entities
1	Consider regulatory mechanisms to support the vision of the pending master plan for the Walsh property to create clustered mixed-income affordable year-round housing and mixed uses.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Board/ Zoning Board of Appeals	Select Board Housing Authority
2	Secure funding to help support wastewater treatment, drinking water, and other utility needs to realize the community's vision for the Walsh property per the pending master plan.		X	X	X	X	Select Board	Town Manger
3	Based on the Walsh property master plan, issue RFP to select a developer to create a new mixed-income year-round housing and mixed-use community.		X				Select Board	Housing Authority Housing Coordinator
4	Implement the real estate transfer tax that Town Meeting adopted, if enabled through state legislation. Allocate revenue to the Truro Affordable Housing Trust to support local affordable housing initiatives.		X	X	X	X	Select Board	Principal Assessor
5	Consider adopting special legislation to allow property tax abatement to incentivize property owners to offer units as year-round rentals for low/moderate income households that meet nitrogen loading criteria.		X	X			Select Board/ Town Meeting	Housing Authority
6	Consider adopting best practices in coordinating and streamlining permitting processes to incentivize creation of year-round and affordable year-round housing for increased efficiency, providing nitrogen loading limits can be met.			X	X		Planning Board/ Building Department	Town Planner and Land Use Counsel
7	Study potential benefits to allow affordable single or duplex housing units on undersized lots with approved septic capacity approval.	X	X				Planning Board	Director of Planning and Land Use Counsel Housing Authority

8	Investigate and clarify policies that would allow for increased septic capacity for individual properties to make the construction of more ADUs feasible while protecting groundwater.	X	X				Board of Health Health Department Director	Housing Authority
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9	Amend Section 40.1 of Zoning bylaw to allow by-right duplex and conversion of single-family dwellings to add one apartment for year-round units and reduce requirement for one acre lots meeting septic requirements.	X	X				Planning Board	Town Planner and Land Use Counsel Housing Authority
10	Work with the Board of Health to investigate enhanced alternative and innovative individual or shared wastewater treatment systems to foster creation of housing in appropriate locations.	X	X				Board of Health Health Department Director	Housing Authority
11	Ensure successful development for the approved 40B comprehensive permit development of 39 mixed-income housing units at the Cloverleaf property.	X	X	X			Select Board	Housing Board Cloverleaf Oversight Working Group
12	Support the ongoing initiative to create affordable housing at the 181 Route 6 property.	X	X	X			Housing Authority Select Board	Community Preservation Committee Affordable Housing Trust
13	Create a grant program that supports rehabilitation needs to improve and legalize existing accessory apartment units for property owners who agree to rent year-round at affordable rent level to low/moderate income households for specific minimum term.				X	X	Housing Authority	Select Board
14	Work with the US National Park Service/Cape Cod National Seashore to consider property transfer of individual vacant homes to the Truro Housing Trust to convert to affordable housing units or seasonal housing for Town employees and to consider transfer of the North Truro Air Station for mixed-income affordable year-round housing including employee and seasonal workforce housing options.			X	X	X	Town Manager Select Board	Housing Authority Affordable Housing Trust

15	Acquire vacant and/or underutilized properties, cottage communities, and condominiums to create affordable year-round housing such as the condemned Truro Motor Inn and others private properties.	X	X	X	X	X	Affordable Housing Trust	Town Manager Housing Authority
16	Seek locations for co-living housing for the Town's seasonal employees or transitional housing for Town employees to live in while searching for a permanent home in Truro.	X	X				Select Board Town Manager	Housing Authority
17	Assess the feasibility of town-owned properties, such as the land between Sally's Way and the Library, and find the highest and best use, including affordable housing.	X	X				Housing Authority	Housing Coordinator
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18	Explore feasibility for an extension of Provincetown's sewer infrastructure to serve areas or specific sites in Truro and promote new year-round and affordable housing development in a variety of housing types.	X	X	X			Town Manager Select Board	Provincetown Water & Sewer Board (*Note 3 Truro representatives)
19	Encourage Universal Design for affordable housing and mixed-income housing developments on town-owned property or supported with town funds.	X	X	X	X	X	Housing Trust	Community Preservation Committee Commission on Disabilities
20	Work regionally to explore innovative housing strategies and programs and consider implementing pilot programs or initiatives.	X	X	X	X	X	Housing Authority	Housing Coordinator
21	Work with the CPC to promote a CPA target allocation policy to allocate 60 percent of CPA funds to the Housing Trust to support local initiatives to create year-round affordable housing.		X				Community Preservation Committee	Housing Board Affordable Housing Trust
22	Consider issuing municipal bonds and/or bonding CPA funds to provide additional funding to the Truro Affordable Housing Trust to fund local affordable housing initiatives that create year-round affordable housing.		X	X	X	X	Town Meeting	Town Manager Select Board Community Preservation Committee Affordable Housing Trust
23	Work with the Truro Conservation Commission to convert or create homes on conservation areas to create permanent year-round and/or affordable housing options.	X	X	X	X	X	Conservation Commission	Housing Board Affordable Housing Trust

24	Continue to collaborate with local housing agencies such as CDP, Habitat for Humanity, and Highland Affordable Housing in addition to exploring additional partnerships.	X	X	X	X	X	Housing Authority	Housing Coordinator
25	To enhance collaboration with other Town boards and CDP to broaden opportunities for allowing affordable housing conduct a bi-annual housing roundtable with all key local and regional entities supporting housing policy and initiatives in Truro.	X	X	X	X	X	Housing Authority	Housing Coordinator
26	Increase outreach to potentially eligible Truro residents and those with a connection to Truro to apply for affordable housing including at Cloverleaf and future housing opportunities.	X	X	X	X	X	Housing Coordinator, THA	Housing Authority Marketing and Communications Coordinator