



Walsh Committee Meeting Minutes

4-13-22

- In attendance: Susan Howe, Barbara Carboni, Betty Gallo, Christine Markowski, Steve Wynne, Craig Milan, Paul Wisotzky, Russ Braun, Darrin Tangeman, Fred Gaechter, Jane Lea, Stephanie Rein, Morgan Clark, Kelly Clark, Todd Schwebel, Emily Beebe
- The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM and attendance was taken. A quorum was present.
- There was a discussion about committee members taking minutes. Susan Howe volunteered to take the minutes for this month. Previous minutes are being prepared by Fred, Betty and Christine.
- Public comment: NONE
- A meeting will be held on April 19 at 6:30 PM about the survey with participating groups: Local Comprehensive Plan, Walsh Property, Housing Authority and Economic Development Committee
- T W and S report: a lengthy discussion ensued about the existing cottages on the Walsh property site. Town Manager Darrin Tangeman would like them to remain and be rehabilitated for work force housing that is sorely needed. Members of the committee were sympathetic to the housing needs Darrin brought up but also want to determine the best way to use the whole property. The area where the cottages are located is considered the best place for development since it is relatively flat and close to Route 6. Darrin said that he will explore the idea of moving the cottages to another town owned site so they can be renovated for workforce housing.
- The committee is hopeful that a master plan consultant can help facilitate this decision making. Barbara Carboni reported that an RFP for bids for Master Planning consulting services is being worked on at the present time. Estimated time of release is the end of April.
- None of the members of the committee were in favor of forgoing the master plan in favor of using the cottages for workforce housing although all would like to see a creative short-term use be created. One participant suggested that perhaps the two best cottages could be rehabilitated to be used in the short term until a master plan for the property is created and approved by the town voters since any development on the site would be five years out.

- The idea of trailers on the site was briefly explored and Barbara Carboni, town planner, explained that trailers are will not be allowed without a change to our bylaws. This would need to be done at a special town meeting.
- Committee chairs Paul and Fred will provide an update to the Select Board at the April 26, 2022 meeting. Fred and Paul will write a summary for the Select Board stating that the consensus of the committee is that we cannot make a decision about demolition of the cottages without first having a master plan. This will be shared at the next meeting before being presented to the Select Board.
- Fred and Paul reported that they were interviewed by a **Provincetown Independent** reporter but the information they provided wasn't written in the article. Steve was not asked before he was quoted.
- Assorted messages were shared about the need for help at the town election and about upcoming meetings such as Candidates Night (4-14-22).
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM with a motion from Paul and a second from Morgan. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Howe

