

## **Truro Housing Authority Minutes: July 11, 2024 at 5:00 pm -- In-Person Meeting at Truro Public Library**

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

### **I. Roll Call**

### **II. Vote to Approve the Minutes of June 13, 2024**

Mara corrected the record that the location was incorrect and would be amended to read that the meeting took place at the Truro Public Library.

Paul moved to approve the minutes as amended from June 13, 2024. Betty seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

### **III. Public Comment**

Jack Reimer asks us to place the status of recording our meetings on the next agenda. Betty clarified that Select Board Chair Sue Areson is currently working on this.

Jack Reimer would also like the most updated SHI number for Truro to be put on the agenda for our next meeting.

### **IV. Truro Housing Authority Election**

Kevin nominated Betty Gallo as THA chair. Mara seconded the nomination. Betty was voted in unanimously by a roll call vote.

Betty nominated Mara as THA vice chair/treasurer. Kevin seconded the nomination. Mara was voted in unanimously by a roll call vote.

Betty nominated Melissa as THA clerk. Mara seconded the nomination. Melissa was voted in unanimously by a roll call vote.

### **V. Discussion Around a Possible Truro Municipal Housing and Plan for Additional Research and Public Input on Such Trusts.**

Mass Housing Partnership created a pamphlet about updating your Municipal Housing Trust. Thus, the Community Development Partnership (CDP) recommended we reach out to Shelly Gohring to come and speak to us about updating our housing trust. We could include the select board and interested public. She would like to do it virtually so it would need to be a hybrid meeting.

Michelle Jarusiewicz is interested in consulting with the THA about researching other municipal housing trusts on the Cape and creating a report.

Questions of interest:

- Gauging the “success” of other municipal housing trusts.
- What are the defining characteristics?
- Financial information about the Truro trust going back 3 - 5 years
- The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) would also like that information about CPC related funds once we have it

Next steps:

- Mara will reach out to Trudi Brazil about past trust profit/loss statement
- Betty will reach out to Darrin Tangeman/Town Hall about the potential for hiring Michelle
- Betty will reach out to Select Board chair Sue Areson about their desired participation and timeline
- THA to develop a well-defined scope of work for this research and report
- Potentially, Michelle to begin researching and write a report
- Schedule joint meeting with Select board for Shelly’s presentation
- Forum
- Recommendations [By Jan 2025]

## **VI. Discussion and Next Steps of Housing Authority's Possible Projects Moving Forward and Beginning the Implementation of the Strategies included in the Housing Production Plan.**

1. THA has a goal to partner with the town to look at town owned land for the possibility of being available for affordable housing.

Next Steps:

- What’s available? (Jon Nahas)
- Is it buildable? Is there interest? (Select board)

2. Truro Motor Inn (THA to advocate for moving this project forward)

3. Lease to Locals program happening in Provincetown (presented by Melissa)

- Powered by Placemate
- Incentivize homeowners (20K) to lease to locals instead of short term rentals by bridging the gap
- Specifically attainable/workforce housing
- Jazzier version of the rental assistance program

- Public perception might be favorable
- Does this have to go to town meeting?
- Melissa to take on the next steps of bringing more information to THA

Next Steps:

- Go through housing strategies in Housing Production Plan and come up with top three and bottom three

**VIII. Vote to Adjourn.** Paul made a motion to adjourn. Betty seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, August at 6 pm at the Truro Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Mara Glatzel, Secretary