

Economic Development Committee meeting-9/15/2022

Members present-Robert Panessiti, chair, Dan Silva, Nancy Medoff, Kristen Roberts

Others present-Barbara Carboni-Town Planner, Carole Ridley-Ridley and Associates, Fred Gaechter-co-chair of the Walsh Committee, Anne Greenbaum-Planning Board Chair. Kevin Grunwald-Chair of the Truro Housing Authority.

Meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

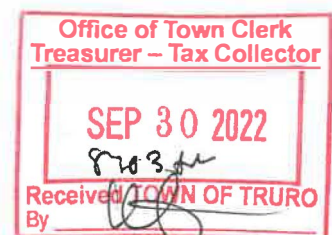
Motion to approve the minutes by Nancy Medoff. Seconded by Dan Silva.

Chair Panessiti talked about how the EDC works in tandem with several other town groups and committees.

Reviewed Carol's draft needs assessment for housing. Reviewed the 4 major strategies and accompanying actions.

Kevin Grunwald, chair of the Truro Housing Authority, spoke about the needs to the town, including workforce housing, affordable housing and median priced housing. Talked about the Walsh property as the key to addressing many of these needs. Discussed some joint efforts between the Planning Board and the THA to bring to next year's town meetings. Barbara Carboni talked about some recent measures that Wellfleet passed in their recent town meeting and how Truro could adapt them. Anne Greenbaum talked about their work with the Walsh Committee and how the planning board can support them. Kevin talked about limiting the number of short term rentals in town as a possible option. Vail, CO employed this as a strategy with positive results. Dan Silva expressed some concerns about limiting short term rentals as a means of creating housing. Kevin talked about exploring all possibilities but understood his concerns.

It was suggested that a master list of committees, their charges and their contacts that the town members could have access to. Barbara discussed the challenges of this and said she would discuss with Darren the possibility of it. Kevin suggested the town create and hire a "Housing Coordinator".



Fred Gaechter was joined at 10:30 by Paul Wisotzky to present the progress made by the Walsh property to create recreation, housing, open space and town needs.

Discussion of Carole's outlined was tabled to next week due to time constraints. Carole asked EDC members to please review and send comments so we could walk through this draft step by step. Asked that the bulk of the next meeting be to review.

Next meeting scheduled for 10-11 am on Thursday, September 29th. Dan Silva left the meeting at 11:08 am.

Barbara Carboni gave us a quick overview on the establishment of the Truro Cultural District. The committee needs to establish why Truro should be a cultural district.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 am made by Kristen Roberts and Seconded by Nancy Medoff.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristen Roberts

Secretary-EDC

