Zoning Task Force Minutes: November 18, 2024 at 11:00 am Remote Meeting

Committee Members Attending: Dave Bannard, Chair; Mara Glatzel; Ellery Althaus; Darrell

Shedd (alternate, voting in this meeting)

Members Absent: Daniel Silva, Vice Chair; Nick Brown

Others Attending: Barbara Carboni, Town Planner; Kennan Rhyne, Rhyne Civic Solutions, Consultant; Kelly Clark, Asst. Town manager; Nancy Medoff, Select Board Liason; Jeff Fischer,

Chair WAHC;

**Public Comment: None** 

## Review and Approval of 11/4/24 minutes; Select clerk for 11/18 meeting

Ellery Althaus volunteered to clerk meeting

Darrell Shedd moved the minutes, Ellery Althaus seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. 4-0-0

#### **Discussion and Presentation Concerning Truro Motor Inn**

Brief recap that the Town of Truro is now the (unofficial) owner of the Truro Motor Inn \*The property as voted at spring 2024 town meeting is to be used for housing projects only, be it Affordable, workforce, etc.

### Presentation by Kennan Rhyne about Truro Motor Inn:

- Truro Motor Inn's current zoning status
- Types of multifamily housing that could work on the property
  - O Duplex, townhouse, walk up apartment building
- What could fit on the property
  - O Between 8-25 units depending on types of buildings
- What would need to be changed in the zoning code to allow/encourage development
  - o Building height increase to 3 or 3.5 stories or more
  - Reduction of parking requirements to one parking spot per unit or shared parking
  - O Allow by right development to encourage development
  - o Establish multifamily housing definition
  - Require year round tenancy
  - Also consider: Bedroom distribution and design standards, can hinder development feasibility

# Discussion and Presentation Concerning Walsh Property Presentation by Kennan Rhyne about Walsh Property:

Zoning study methodology:

o Why: To understand different building types without precluding the Walsh Ad Hoc Committee (WAHC)

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- o **Goal:** To leave zoning flexibility for the WAHC to identify building types, distribution and site planning concepts
- What do we want to see here options;
  - o similar to Truro Motor Inn plus:
  - Cottage colonies
  - Larger scale apartment buildings
- What would need to be changed in the zoning code to allow/encourage development
  - Same as Truro Motor inn plus:
  - Add commercial zoning component
  - Require 4-10ft between buildings
  - Also consider: Dwellings per acre, units per building, , can hinder development feasibility
- Combined Overlay Options for walsh and Truro Motor
  - One overlay: not very feasible, too many different building types and requirements
  - One overlay with 2-3 subdistricts: Very feasible, allows for navigating differences between the 2 properties.
  - One overlay that allows for Planned Unit Development (PUD)
     creation: Possibly best for large scale project like walsh
     property but inconvenient for single family home ownership.
- Avoiding Spot zoning
  - Combine Walsh and Truro Motor Inn
  - Various options given in terms of connecting the parcels in a zoning overlay district

#### Questions and Discussions:

- Condos viable?
  - Yes, town can dictate what they want while working with developer
- How to ensure specified green area remains green, zoning, RFP, etc?
  - O Zoning can be used, not common, RFP more common

Next meeting to contain presentation about Highland Rd/Shore Rd Overlay district possibilities.

Motion to Adjourn by Mara Glatzel, seconded by Darrell Shed, passed unanimously with roll call vote 4-0-0 Adjourned 12:53

Submitted by, Ellery Althaus

