

Provincetown Community Housing Council

Veterans Memorial Community Center ↻ 2 Mayflower Street

October 21, 2013

12:00 noon

Members Present: Ann Maguire, Susan Cook, Donna Szeker, and Kristin Hatch [Joe Carleo absent]

Staff: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

Public Statements: none

Special Town Meeting: tonight at 6:00 pm. Article 6 is for the acquisition of the VFW site with potential as police station site and some portion as affordable housing.

Kristin Hatch MOVE to support Affordable Housing opportunities and possibilities to build affordable housing; Donna Szeker second; approved 4-0.

Moderator approved Affordable Housing handout.

Housing Summit: What goals do members have for the Summit? Donna Szeker would like this Summit to be a continuation of the last Summit and look at some of the strategies identified such as re-use existing properties & structures; mixed use properties; and the amnesty program. Kristin Hatch wondered if we already have resources to do the facilitation? There is not a lot "new." What "new" can come out of the Summit?

Of the 3 potential facilitators, one contacted the Housing Specialist and indicated that she did not think it was a good fit. The other two may collaborate and work together with a proposal for the town next week. What about a working group? Given that all the potential facilitators will not be available until January and the desire to proceed now, create a working group for the next 3 – 4 months to develop strategies and work, such as revise the brochure. We have an incredible foundation.

Members were not comfortable waiting until January to begin the community discussion for the ongoing development of stable community housing. There was concern that residents might not be able to attend at that time. If the Working Group recommends that a Summit should happen as well, one can be planned for the spring. Members felt that the Ryan report provides a great template to continue the discussion to develop doable goals and strategies.

Donna Szeker: MOVE that the Housing Specialist convene a Working Group to convene over the next 4 months, to review the Ryan Report and any other relevant information, to review the progress made; to consider all actions within the report and to develop new strategies to address community housing needs; Susan Cook second; approved 4-0.

While the Working Group would be open to all, they recommend that there be representatives from the following to form the core group:

- Community Housing Council
- Board of Selectmen
- Housing Authority
- Community Preservation Committee
- Community Housing Specialist [point person for the group]
- Planner/Building Dept.
- Realtor

Developer
Chamber of Commerce/PBG/Business Rep.
Community Development Partnership

Other agencies and organizations would be invited for specific topics including state reps, various housing agencies, neighboring towns, banks, churches, etc.

Note that all meetings of the Working Group would be posted and minutes kept. The Working Group will develop recommendations and strategies that can be compiled and passed on to the appropriate entities.

We should send letter to our representatives to inquire about what is happening at the State level – what opportunities might there be?

[Note Donna Szeker leaves 1:05 pm].

Susan Cook MOVE to appoint Ann Maguire as the CHC representative to the Housing Working Group; Kristin Hatch second: approved 3-0.

Minutes:

Kristin Hatch MOVE to approve the minutes of 9/30/13, noon; second Susan Cook; approved 3-0.

Susan Cook MOVE to approve the minutes of 9/30/13, 6:00 pm, joint meeting with Board of Selectmen; Kristin Hatch second; approved 3-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2013 noon.

Documents:

Community Housing STM Handout
Email re: VFW site plan

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Submitted by: Michelle Jarusiewicz, Community Housing Specialist