

# Provincetown Community Housing Council

## Veterans Memorial Community Center ↻ 2 Mayflower Street

### May 20, 2015

12:04 p.m.

Members Present: Donna Szeker, Louise Silver, Kristin Hatch, Rev. Brenda Haywood

Excused absence: Susan Cook

Staff: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

Public Statements: none

Path to Ownership: Housing Specialist distributed an excerpt from the MassHousing website that features resources for anyone interested in homeownership including the availability of on-line First Time Homebuyers classes; down payment assistance programs, etc. Members suggested that we could invite HAC and Seamen's Bank to discuss what they offer. Perhaps we could sponsor a First time homebuyer's class if there was enough interest. Perhaps we could do an awareness program of what is out there for resources. Look into specialized programs that offer resources for teachers, vets, etc.

Updates: Housing Specialist Jarusiewicz indicated:

- Grace Gouveia: construction underway.
- Stable Path: closing today.
- Harry Kemp Way: one unit scheduled to close tomorrow.
- Tax exemption program: outreach effort has produced significant interest.
- Tax donation checkbox: received \$541 to date
- Little Fix: hoping to begin on a small scale in June.
- 6 Sandy Hill Lane: the town has been approached about the resale of a 2-bedroom median income unit by a rep for the estate of one unit.
- 350 Bradford Street: Project Eligibility comments were submitted last week.

RFP Former Community Center @ 46 Bradford Street: the Housing Specialist had distributed a draft in mid-April and was looking for comments. The draft reflected the direction from the Board of Selectmen with varying income categories to include some middle and varying household sizes. It is on the Board of Selectmen's agenda Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for further review and comment. Member Hatch inquired if there was a way to incorporate management experience and history into the RFP?

Minutes: 5/11/15 tabled.

Other:

- Little Fix: Housing Specialist reviewing existing files and will contact previous applicants to move forward.
- Annual Goal-setting process with public hearing on Board of Selectmen June 8<sup>th</sup>
- The Attorney General passed the zoning amendments from town meeting which will allow the sale of 951R Commercial Street to move forward.
- Work session with Provincetown 365: scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> – possible discussion topics include tiny homes [demo house?]; town-owning units? Public/private financing; communication; conversation about development; keep the dialogue going.
- Home Share Program: received grant for year 2; part-time position available with flexible hours

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

*Submitted by: Michelle Jarusiewicz, Community Housing Specialist*