

Provincetown Community Housing Council

Veterans Memorial Community Center ↻ 2 Mayflower Street
February 27, 2017

1:02 p.m.

Members Present: Susan Cook, Paul Richardson, Elaine Anderson, Kristin Hatch

Excused: Ron Irwin

Staff: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

Public Statements:

Dottie: inquired about the ad for units at Seashore Point. The Housing Specialist said that the ad is to add households to the waitlist for future available units. There are 9 affordable rental units for seniors.

Mae Bush: she received a letter at Seashore Point about rent increase of 2.6%. The Housing Specialist said that she had called Seashore Point after receiving Mae's call that morning. The letter was sent in error. Rent increase must be approved by the Town. There is a new Executive Director.

Year-rounders' day March 11th: The Housing Specialist will have a table for housing and members are invited to join her.

40B Subsidized Housing Inventory: with the bi-annual update, the Town is now at 9.8%. There will be some units expiring each year in the near future.

Harbor Hill: at second round of bid process now.

Tiny homes: Board of Selectmen is having discussion about potential at Jerome Smith Lot.

April Annual Town Meeting CPA Requests: voters will be considering:

\$50,000 for Cape Cod Village, a long-term regional housing facility in Orleans for autistic adults that includes a community center.

Paul Richardson MOVE to support the CPA request for Cape Cod Village for \$50,000; Elaine Anderson Second; approved 4-0.

\$50,000 for Down Payment Assistance Program: submitted by the Housing Office as the next step in the Path to Homeownership to help approximately 5 households with down payment and closing cost up to \$10,000 each as a deferred payment loan.

Elaine Anderson MOVE to support the \$50,000 for the Down Payment Assistance Program; Susan Cook second; approved 4-0. Members discussed potential numbers and that this is a new program for Provincetown but exists elsewhere.

\$122,541 for Housing Office: the Town's budget includes half of the salary but the full amount is included in the CPA request in case the budget does not pass. There will be alternative motion if it does.

Elaine Anderson MOVE that the CHC supports the CPA request for the Community Housing Office at \$122,541; Paul Richardson second; approved 4-0.

Year Round Rental Trust: the Trust is meeting frequently and is encouraging everyone to attend and participate. They will be discussing various housing opportunities and the CHC should have input into the discussion.

Other: Kristin Hatch inquired about Coastal Acres activity? What about talking to owners of large number of rental units, like Napi, perhaps can buy restrictions? If we get Harbor Hill, we will need to move fast.

There is a petitioned article from Barbara Rushmore for \$90,000 for the Housing Authority for access to each unit. The detail of the language could be problematic. Do the tenants want that kind of access?

The Housing Authority Executive Director is semi-retired; they need an interim and are seeking a waiver.

NEXT Meeting: 3/20/17 at 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm

*Submitted by:
Michelle Jarusiewicz, Community Housing Specialist*