

Provincetown Community Housing Council

Veterans Memorial Community Center ↻ 2 Mayflower Street
September 9, 2019

1:03 p.m.

Members Present: Keith Hunt, Paul Richardson, Kristin Hatch, Susan Cook

Staff: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

Public Statements: None

Membership: current vacancies 1 regular and 2 alternate members

Housing Institute: Ms. Jarusiewicz distributed the flyer for the upcoming regional Housing Institute. Members discussed participation.

Updates:

Department Update: Community Housing Specialist

9/10/19

- **Harbor Hill:** Construction began on July 29th. The initial work to lay the sewer line for buildings #4 and #7 has been done along with other site work and some interior work such as removal of carpets and prepping for new windows and doors. A 6-month construction timeline is anticipated with some units coming online in November/December. Of the 6 units in Building #5 that are available now, 5 are leased, with a verbal commitment for the 3-bedroom.
- **VFW & 26 Shank Painter Road Housing Development:** **Forum #2 is scheduled for September 17th at 5:30 pm at Town Hall – please attend and encourage community members** to also attend to discuss housing development options for these sites. Members Paul Richardson and Keith Hunt discussed attendance, Ms. Hatch will be away. Forum #3 is scheduled for November 13th. The end result will be a scope for a Request for Proposals for development.
- **8 Hensche Lane:** the resale of the affordable deed-restricted 3-bedroom unit closed on 8/19/19 and a local family now has stable housing.
- **Tax Title Properties:** several properties across the Lower Cape, owned by the same owner, are in Tax Title; in some cases they are at the end of the process where the property can be taken by the Town. One recent incident in another Town triggered 30 day notices to the tenants causing a ripple effect throughout all of the properties; I believe they received extensions since that time. There is 1 such multi-family property in Provincetown. Town staff is working with the Tax Title Custodian [the Treasurer] on developing both a short-term and a long-term plan. We do not want to give eviction notices to these families but they do need safe housing. I will be meeting with Jay Coburn of the CDP, the Homeless Prevention Council, and members of the other Towns on September 11th to evaluate options. I may return to the Housing Council with a request for additional AHTF money for emergency housing assistance. Note that the current rents being paid by the families align with the rents at Harbor Hill. We are encouraging them to apply noting that units will not be available until December/January.

Other: Ms. Hatch said they should consider CPA applications for upstairs Fire Station #2 & for funds to the AHTF.

Next Meeting: October 7th @ 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm

Submitted by: Michelle Jarusiewicz, Community Housing Specialist