

Provincetown Community Housing Council

Veterans Memorial Community Center ↻ 2 Mayflower Street
May 5, 2014

12:03 p.m.

Members Present: Ann Maguire, Kristin Hatch, Susan Cook, and Donna Szeker

Excused absence: Rev. Brenda Haywood

Staff: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

Public Statements: None

Housing Discussion with Representative Sarah Peake: State winding up the annual budget process; the final House budget is with the Senate now. The budget includes additional items for Health & Human services; housing money has been increased especially with regard to homelessness prevention funding and efforts. There is a new Housing Bond bill for \$1.4 billion for next 5 years with a lot of focus on Smart Growth initiatives. In November there will be a new Governor and there will likely be changes. There will be a transition team. Please forward any suggestions to her that we might have. The Room Occupancy Tax expansion to condos is still alive; it is on extension. DOR prefers to do it statewide and not piecemeal. The State Realtors Association is against it. CHC agreed to write a letter to the Speaker in support of the bill.

Kristin Hatch: surprised that guest houses aren't more organized about this.

Rep. Peake: paying room occupancy tax for condos is common in other states. There is a new report regarding tax fairness that has been issued.

Ann Maguire: State's priority is larger family units; while we need some of those, we largely have a need for one-bedroom units.

Michelle Jarusiewicz: reminder about Town's MCDBG application in the pipeline for sewer connection for Housing Authority along with funds for consultant for expansion. Email Rep. Peake with details.

Little Fix Program: Try to gather core group for next meeting including COA Director, Veterans Agent, and Disability Commission.

Local Voucher Program: review packet distributed at last meeting for ideas for next meeting

Documents: State Housing funds summary from Rep. Sarah Peake

Other: Kristin: public/private partnerships – is there someone we can meet with to discuss?

If someone donates money for housing, where can it go? Affordable Housing Trust Fund?

Licensing Board pursuing rental certificate issue.

Went through Town-owned property list with the thought about where could we place small homes? Maybe 10 or so places. Bring to next agenda.

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 12, 2014 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Submitted by: Michelle Jarusiewicz, Community Housing Specialist