

**Provincetown Community Housing Council
Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2008
Judge Welsh Hearing Room**

Members Present: Joe Carleo, Molly Purdue, A.J. Alon, Elaine Anderson, Bill Dougal
Members Absent: Kathy Reno (excused)
Staff: David Gardner, Assistant Town Manger; Amy Lawson, Housing Specialist
Public: Jack McMahon
Invited Guests: Paul Ruchinskas, Cape Cod Commission

Meeting Came to Order at 4:00 P.M. with a quorum.

Meeting Agenda

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The Committee reviewed the minutes from three PCHC Meetings:

The minutes from the meetings held on February 11, 2008, February 25, 2008 and March 17th were reviewed and approved by the council.

Housing Specialist Update:

Amy Lawson presented the final version of the informational brochure regarding incentives for homeowners to create affordable housing options. The brochure will be distributed at town meeting.

Amy gave an update on other activities including preparations for town meeting. Amy will be present and will address town meeting with a review of the PCHC/Housing Office work and plans moving forward.

Special Presentation:

Amy introduced Mr. Paul Ruchinskas, the Affordable Housing Specialist from the Cape Cod Commission (CCC). Mr. Ruchinskas gave an overview of programs offered through the CCC including some ways that people can get assistance with purchasing homes at lower than market rate. The members of the PCHC had dialog with Mr. Ruchinskas asking questions specific to the units at the Gull's Nest development that had not sold. Mr. Ruchinskas also offered to come back to the PCHC at a later date for another update and Q&A.

Invited Guests:

Members of the community that had filed housing related articles to the Town Warrant, specifically Articles 29, 30 and 33, were invited to discuss their articles with the PCHC. Mr. Jack McMahon attended the meeting and addressed his thoughts behind the article 29 he submitted which would change the distribution of funds through the Community Preservation Fund. A discussion about this proposed change pursued with members of the PCHC expressing concerns about the how this could negatively impact the fund. The community members who filed articles 30 and 33 did not attend the meeting.

Other Business:

In preparation for the Annual Town Meeting the PCHC further discussed the warrant articles. A motion was made to formally opposed article 33, which was seconded and passed unanimously by the PCHC. The PCHC also decided to submit public comment at the meeting regarding this article, which would place a moratorium on the development of the project at 90 Shank Painter Rd. Joe Carleo agreed to draft comments which will be read at Town Meeting.

The Next meeting of the PCHC was scheduled for April 14th at 4:00.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by: