

DCHTF PLAN/SITES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The following subcommittee members were in attendance: Malcolm Fearing, Matt Neal, Ryan Lang, Tess Judge, Ron Payne and Donna Creef.

Copies of the summaries from June 7 and July 12 were provided to the subcommittee members. Tess made a motion to adopt the summaries as submitted, Ron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vacant property lists – Donna provided the committee members copies of the vacant parcel lists that had been further culled for properties that may be challenging to develop in terms of access, wetlands, and/or zoning. The group reviewed lists for four geographic regions of Dare County: the north beaches, Hatteras Island, Roanoke Island and the Mainland. Donna suggested the group focus solely on publicly owned properties as part of any final report produced by the task force because of concerns the task force would be subjective in applying filters without any site-specific evaluations. She doesn't want to open the task force up to criticism from any property owner whose property may not "make" a list. The other subcommittee members agreed with this concern and it was the consensus of the subcommittee members to focus on publicly owned lands. Improved property owned by public agencies will be added to the vacant property lists.

School Housing—Donna shared a copy of the 2004 legislation for the Dare County Board of Education housing. This legislation lists housing as a priority for teachers, also mentions local government employees and indicates housing can be built on north beaches, Hatteras Island and the Mainland/Roanoke Island. The Board of Education does not have a plan currently for any project on Roanoke Island. The Dare Education Foundation (DEF) that manages the housing in Kill Devil Hills and Buxton is working to construct additional units at the Kill Devil Hills site. With the legislation in place for teacher housing, construction should continue at that site until the wastewater capacity is met. Continued development of the Kill Devil Hills property is an apparent option for the task force to highlight in any report that is prepared. Development of a plan for teacher housing on Roanoke Island/Mainland should be identified as a need by the task force also.

Malcolm indicated that mobile homes should be considered as part of the task force work. There could be the potential for mobile home sites to be developed on the Mainland. It was also noted that the Board of Education currently owns land on Roanoke Island with mobile homes that are leased to non-government employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

  
Prepared by Donna Creef