**AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

**Meeting Minutes**

April 17, 2019

**ATTENDEES**: Nancy Chapman, Steve Irish (Chair), Ruth Wagner

Other Attendees: John McLaughlin, 160 Turner Road

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The agenda was accepted by unanimous vote

**Discussions**

**Update CPC funds request town meeting results -** Mr. Irish said that the funds were approved at the April 8th Annual Town Meeting. He would like to send CPC a thank you note for their support of the funding.

**Update on Lawson Green project -** Mr. Irish did not have an update on Lawson Green.

**Update discussions with director of planning and development -** Mr. Irish noted that Mr. Washburn would prefer meeting at Town Hall; the AHT meeting dates were not convenient for him. Mr. Irish will try to schedule a meeting at a future date. Ms. Chapman reminded the Board that Mr. Washburn had suggested that AHT have regular update meetings with the staff in the Planning Department.

Due to everyone’s busy schedules, Ms. Sprague suggested requesting a monthly email update from the Planning Department to determine if there are any projects in the pipeline they should know about or any meetings/hearings they should attend. Mr. Irish will send a request by the end of April.

**Old Business/New Business**

**Discussion with Father Bill’s** **-** Ms. Chapman spoke with someone at Father Bill’s house for information on how the Hingham Veterans home got started and what the steps were. He said that Father Bill’s was approached by the CPC with the project and that the house, which was already a group home, was donated to the Town with all the permitting done. CPC funded $200,000, AHT $50,000, and the State gave them $750,000. The first step should be determining a location with lots of access, i.e. near the commuter train.

He is willing to come to an AHT meeting to speak to the Board. He also suggested that the Board tour some projects; that is how Hingham started. Father Bill serves families and individuals, low income, single parents, people who are physically disabled, young adults 18-24, people with substance abuse and severe mental health issues. He told Ms. Chapman that the elderly are the fastest growing population in homelessness right now. Mr. Irish suggested having him come to a meeting in the fall.

Mr. McLaughlin discussed ADA compliance and noted that he was running for Selectman.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by unanimous vote.

*Submitted by*

*Mary Sprague*