AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2019

**ATTENDEES**: Nancy Chapman, Steve Irish, Ruth Wagner *(absent: Barbara Cox, Maura Curran)*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The agenda was accepted by unanimous vote

The May 29, 2019 minutes were accepted as amended by unanimous vote.

Discussions:

**CPC Funding Request**: Mr. Irish read an email from Town Accountant Nancy Holt regarding the transfer of the $100,000 funds approved at the spring Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Irish and Ms. Sprague will determine the correct process.

**Master Plan Advisory Committee**: Ms. Wagner gave an update on the Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting she attended. She noted that the Planning Board is updating the 2004 Master Plan but representatives from the consultant company lead the discussion. The main topic related to how the Town has changed since 2004, such as:

* new Jr High school
* the train
* senior center
* E-commerce impact on Town due to closed store fronts in the Harbor
* sewer issues in Town and primarily the impact on No Scituate commerce
* building boom and the number of large projects like the Toll Bros Seaside project

Ms. Wagner said that the consultants used charts that had the main goals from the 2004 Master Plan and asked the committee members present to place dots next to goals that were still important and what was still important under those goals.

Mr. Wagner said that environmental concerns were important and that foreshore protection had some importance. There was concern about the building boom and the plans for the elementary schools. She noted that affordable housing was a concern but it wasn’t clear if it was about affordability in general due to housing prices. She felt that the goal was not to determine opinions and that all sides of a discussion were considered. They are going to have a public meeting on August 13th at the Middle School.

**Lawson Green**: Mr. Irish said that the Lawson Green project did receive funding from the State and there would be ceremony on Wednesday, July 18th.

**Other**: Mr. Irish said that they received a letter from John Parker, a trustee on the Whitcomb Pines condo board regarding a deed restricted affordable unit that has been vacant for two years. The AHT members discussed how they could assist with his request for help and determined that this was not in their area of responsibility. Mr. Irish noted that there was a public auction so it may have been sold.

**August Meeting**: There was a general discussion about the upcoming meeting with Brad Washburn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by unanimous vote.

*Submitted by Mary Sprague*