

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Library - History Room

Present: Nancy Chapman, Barbara Cox, Stephen Irish (Chair), Maura Curran (*Absent: Ruth Wagner*)

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda: A MOTION was made by Mr. Irish to accept the agenda; Seconded by Ms. Chapman; All in Favor (4:0)

Accept June 6, 2018 minutes: A MOTION was made by Mr. Irish to accept the minutes as written; Seconded by Ms. Chapman; All in favor (3:0) (*recused: Ms. Curran*)

DISCUSSIONS:

Update on meeting with Brad Washburn – Mr. Irish and Ms. Chapman gave a recap of the meeting that they attended with Mr. Washburn to better understand his role and how they can best work together.

Mr. Washburn said that he has been approved for a \$30,000 grant from Mass Housing to rewrite the zoning study. Ms. Curran explained that there are two levels of grants that are available; you need to get the base grant first to qualify for the next level.

Mr. Irish and Ms. Chapman discussed the operational model and Mr. Washburn suggested keeping options open for both the funding and project management models. They also discussed applying to CPC for more funding; a meeting with current chair, Gary Meyerson, was suggested as a next step.

The Board also discussed CPC applications and what the funding would be used for.

Update on Nelson Road – Ms. Cox confirmed her role as a realtor and that she can offer advice, etc. She would need to recuse herself if a realtor from Jack Conway had a buyer. She confirmed that September would be a good time to list the property. The property should be sold “as is” and will need to be cleaned.

Mr. Irish will get in touch with the consultant to determine the status of her applicant.

Discussion/Vote on Trust model – The Board discussed Mr. Washburn’s opinion that they should not define their role too narrowly and weighed various phrases to define the operational model language.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Cox to accept the following statement as the operational model: *The Affordable Housing Trust Operational Model solicits proposals or applications for various types of funding, such as grants or loans to subsidize affordable housing development, home buyers assistance, rental assistance and collaborates with other town departments to identify affordable housing opportunities;* Seconded by Ms. Curran; all in favor (4/0)

Review Trust “Highlights” for the Town website – The Board discussed the following highlights to be posted:

Highlights

2008: Town of Scituate Affordable Housing Trust established by a vote at the Annual Town Meeting to provide for the preservation and creation of affordable housing in the Town to benefit low and moderate-income households.

2013: A home on Carrie Litchfield Lane owned by the Trust was sold via lottery to a qualified applicant.

2015: The Trust funded an update to the Scituate Housing Production Plan.

2017: A home on Stockbridge Road, which was built on one of two lots owned by the Trust as part of a 41B development agreement, was sold via lottery to a qualified applicant.

2017: A joint partnership between the Trust, the Scituate Housing Authority and the Community Preservation Committee was formed to help finance "Lawson Green Apartments", an affordable housing development for moderate-income seniors which will add 30 units to the affordable housing stock; the project was approved at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Ms. Sprague also will post a photo of the Lawson Green Apartment design.

Update on Trust Appointments – Mr. Irish reminded the Board that they need to get sworn in by the Town Clerk. They need to call Lorraine Devon first to make sure the paperwork is ready.

Discuss meeting schedule – The Board discussed the next meeting in August and the need to firm up AHT goals before submitting an application to CPC.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 pm; all in favor.

Submitted by:

Mary Sprague, Administrative Assistant