



Affordable Housing Trust
550 Hanover Street, Hanover, MA 02339
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 6:00 pm

Committee Attendees

Thomas Burke, Chairman
Kevin Dyer
Steven Louko

Stephen Carroll
Ginny Gilmartin
Vanessa O'Connor
Susan Setterland

Other Attendees

Chelsea Stevens, Finance Director
Joseph Colangelo, Town Manager
Elaine Boidi, Director of Assessing

Opening

Chair Thomas Burke opened the meeting at 6:04 pm and made note the meeting was being recorded.

Review of Meeting Minutes

The Trust voted to accept the April 12, 2023 meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Thomas Burke – Yes
Stephen Carroll – Yes
Kevin Dyer – Yes
Ginny Gilmartin – Yes
Steve Louko – Yes
Vanessa O'Connor – Yes
Susan Setterland - Yes

Program Proposals

Septic Repair Program: Trustee Steven Louko gave an update on the Trust on the Septic Repair Program. Mr. Louko said that advertisements will be up on the Town website soon.

Emergency Short-Term Rental Assistance Program: Mr. Burke gave the Trust an update on the Emergency Short-Term Rental Assistance Program. There was discussion of pledging more funds towards the program in the near future. Mr. Burke let the Trust know the program received two more applications.

Legion Housing

Director of Assessing Elaine Boidi presented the Trust information on the Legion property and the prior 121A agreement. Finance Director Chelsea Stevens informed the Trust of the amounts and payments from the 121A agreement. The Trust had questions of how the previous agreement worked regarding payment from DHCD/Legion/MassHousing, and also

whether a PILOT would make sense. Ms. Stevens offered to do some research on these questions prior to the Trust's next meeting.

Other Business

The Trust reviewed the engagement letter and fee proposal from attorney Chris Timson. The Trust voted to approve to present these documents to the Town Manager for signature, subject to Town Counsel approval.

Roll Call Vote: Thomas Burke – Yes
Stephen Carroll – Yes
Kevin Dyer – Yes
Ginny Gilmartin – Yes
Steve Louko – Yes
Vanessa O'Connor – Yes
Susan Setterland - Yes

Trustee Stephen Carroll presented the Trust with a draft letter to be mailed out to all the large scale affordable housing projects in Town to see if they would be willing to explore the feasibility of adding more affordable units to the existing properties.

Trustee Vanessa O'Connor suggested the Trust speak with the Council on Aging about sharing a booth for Hanover Day. Mr. Burke said he would discuss it with Community Services Director Tammy Murray.

Mr. Burke let the Trust know he will be stepping down at the end of the fiscal year. This will leave an open seat on the Trust that will need to be filled.

Next Meetings

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Adjournment

The meeting ended and adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Thomas Burke – Yes
Stephen Carroll – Yes
Kevin Dyer – Yes
Ginny Gilmartin – Yes
Steve Louko – Yes
Vanessa O'Connor – Yes
Susan Setterland - Yes