

Affordable West Boylston Trust

May 9, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert J. Barrell, Marc Frieden, John Hadley ,Patrica Halpin and Anna Mary Kraemer

Also Present: William Scanlan, Paula Stuart, Susan Meola, David Femia

Chairperson Halpin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the April 11, 2017 were reviewed, corrected and approved on a motion by Ms.Kraemer and seconded by Mr.Hadley. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Scanlan, contracted to update the master plan section regarding housing and population, opened the meeting. Mr. Scanlan provided the Trust with interesting insights as to the population trends and confirmed the need for senior rental housing. Mr. Hadley advised the Trust that a condensed version of Mr. Scanlan's report may be required by the editors of the master plan.

The Sajda Gardens construction is on schedule advised Mr. Femia. The Trust is also advised that the Department of Housing and Community Development has approved the requested 70 percent local preference for this development. Ms. Meola is assisting a local resident and has been unable to find information on the application process. Ms. Stuart will contact Mr. Harrison, the consultant hired by the developer, Mr. Ali, to obtain the status of the affirmative marketing and outreach plan. The concern of the Trust is that the units made available to local residents are fully utilized by West Boylston residents . It was suggested that a flyer be distributed at the Town Meeting outlining the application process. Additionally the flyer may also be made available at town hall, the library, town election and the the town web site. Ms. Stuart after consulting with Mr. Harris will create a flyer.

Ms. Stuart and Ms. Kraemer have examined the deeds of the properties identified as group homes and it was found that since these properties are not deed restricted may not be put on the SHI. With regard to the SHI, Ms. Stuart will advise the Department of Housing and Community Development that Sadja Gardens should again be enrolled . In a related matter Ms. Stuart is also requested to write a script for the ZBA for the 1.5 percent denial for future 40B developments.

Susan Connelly from Mass Housing Partnership shall attend the Trust's next meeting

scheduled May 16 to review a draft request for proposals and explain the process for the Maple Street RFP.

Mr. Barrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Frieden and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert J.Barrell