



## **Town of West Boylston**

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

# **The Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes May 14, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert J. Barrell, Marcia Cairns, Anna Mary Kraemer, and Patricia Halpin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chris Bergland, member of the Housing Authority; Lisa Harris, Chris Meola, Julie Comier, Karla Meola, and Chris Rucho

Following the roll call the required statement was read as prescribed by the Governor's order. The meeting was held remotely using Zoom software. The meeting was called to order at 6:03.

The Meola family is considering selling the family property located at 122 West Boylston Street. The land is situated behind Jungle Jim's. The 7 acres includes a single-family home. The property has town water and is connected to the sewer. There appears to be two accesses to the site. There are several issues that must be reviewed, including zoning and conservation as the land is bounded by two streams.

The Meola family has had conversations with several real estate companies. At this point the family is undecided as whether to rent the house or the sell the property. Those present suggested the asking price is mid \$500,000.00. The family is not interested in developing or subdividing the land. The Meolas understand that the real estate market is very good.

Ms. Halpin advised the Meolas that the Affordable Trust is not in a position to purchase the property and may take a year or longer to obtain funding and other necessary approvals. Ms. Halpin suggested naming the development after Mr. Meola.

The Meolas left the meeting with the understanding if they made a decision the Trust would be contacted.

The meeting continued with a discussion as to the next steps. Ms. Cairns will contact the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to explore funding opportunities from DHCD.

Mr. Bergland was asked to join the Trust.

The next meeting is May 25th at 6PM

Ms. Kraemer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. This motion was seconded by Ms. Cairns and approved by all.

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Robert J. Barrell**