



Town of West Boylston
140 Worcester Street
West Boylston, MA 01583
August 22, 2023

Members Present: Robert J. Barrell, Chris Berglund, Marcia Cairns, Marc Frieden, Anna Mary Kraemer, Patrica Halpin and Barur R. Rajeshkumar

The in person meeting opened at 6:02 PM with the Chairperson declaring a quorum.

The minutes of the August 22, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Berglund and seconded by Ms. Cairns and approved by all.

Ms. Halpin asked if there were any updates from town Boards.

Ms. Cairns updated the Trust regarding proposed changes in the processing of applicants to public housing. Presently there is a state wide waiting list which captures all applications called CHAMP. This process is cumbersome and delays occupation of vacant units. Local communities desire a preference for local residents. The CHAMP program may be streamlined to eliminate vacant units. More funding is going to be made available to modernize the aging public housing inventory. Additional funds may be made available to increase the affordable housing stock.

Ms. Halpin and the Town Administrator are reviewing the process of obtaining quotes for the preparation of the Housing Production Plan(HHP). The HPP could cost as much as \$50,000.00. This cost may be funded by the Town's Community Preservation Fund, however, Mr. Berglund for the Trust has applied for a grant from the FY24 Round of the Community One Stop for Growth to defer the cost of the updated HPP. It is unknown if the grant will be funded.

The Trust will request \$25,000.00 from the Community Prevention Fund at the October town meeting. This request will be vetted by Fin. Com.

The next meeting will be scheduled as necessary.

The meeting concluded at 6:35 on a motion by Mr. Barrell seconded by Mr. Frieden approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Barrell

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