



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

The Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes February 26, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert J. Barrell, Patricia Halpin, and Marc Frieden

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Hadley and Anna Mary Kraemer

ALSO PRESENT: David Femia

Chairperson Halpin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

The minutes of the following meetings were reviewed: December 13, 2018 and January 17, 2019. On a motion by Mr. Frieden and seconded by Mr. Barrell, these minutes were approved with correction. This motion was approved by all.

Ms. Halpin requested approval of the Annual Report of the Affordable Housing Trust. The report was reviewed and approved.

The Trust members, aware that 87 Maple Street may not be an acceptable site for the development of senior housing, may consider alternate sites chiefly municipal land located on Tivnan Drive. The Trust, mindful of the expense of wetlands and engineering studies shall seek any prior documents and studies related to this site. Ms. Halpin will consult with Mr. Hill, attorney for the Trust, before authorizing any studies.

Ms. Halpin has been informed that abuses continue in the 40B home ownership program. The deed rider requires that this must be the principle residence of the owner and cannot be rented as the intended purpose of the program is to provide an affordable home. The Trust is aware that the program may be violated at two properties. Ms. Halpin will seek assistance from the Department of Housing and Community Development, CHAPPA, the monitoring agent, and the management companies. While it is often difficult to resolve these issues, the Trust has been successful.

The next scheduled meeting is April 9, 2019.

Mr. Barrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Frieden and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert J. Barrell

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