



Town of West Boylston
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

The Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes January 17, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert J. Barrell, Patricia Halpin, John Hadley, and Marc Frieden; Anna Mary Kraemer available by phone

Chairperson Halpin called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

The minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Mr. Hadley and seconded by Mr. Freiden, the December 3, 2018 minutes were approved. This motion was approved by all.

Ms. Halpin informed the Trust that the proposed affordable senior housing site at 87 Maple Street seems to be unfavorable due to the extensive wetlands, limited access, and opposition from residents of 87 Maple Street. The Trust may be better served to explore other possible sites. Ms. Halpin will request a list of all Town owned parcels as the Trust awaits the final wetlands report. After some discussion, Mr. Hadley offered the following motion that the Trust abandon the site at 87 Maple Street. This motion was seconded by Mr. Freiden and approved by all. This is not to be construed to mean that the Trust abandons the goal of developing elderly housing.

As a consequence to this decision it is necessary to advise the local Housing Authority, the Department of Housing and Community Development, abutters, and Housing Authority residents that the Trust is abandoning 87 Maple Street. This notice is to be drafted by Mr. Hill. Mr. Frieden will obtain a list of the abutters.

The Trust members considered alternate sites. The Town-owned 34 acres situated on Tivnan Drive might be suitable despite the hilly terrain. A scan of the plot plan would be helpful for assessment. Another possibility is the Pines. Mr. Hadley will check with the Chairperson of the Park Commission to determine if there are any plans for the Pines.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2019

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

Respectfully submitted:

Robert J. Barrell

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