



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

The Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes March 26, 2020

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

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:06 PM

The meeting opened with a discussion of the percentage of land developed for affordable housing. The Department of Housing and Community Development may provide safe harbor if the land area for affordable housing exceed 1.5% of town lands. Safe harbor would allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to disallow a 40B development. Ms. Halpin proposed hiring consultant Mr. William Scanlon at a price of \$750.00 to update the land percentages. Mr. Hadley moved to hire Mr. Scanlon to review the percentages at a fee of \$750.00. This motion was seconded by Ms. Kraemer and unanimously approved by all.

The minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion by Mr. Hadley and seconded by Robert Barrell. This motion was approved by all present.

Funds from the CPC may be made available for a form of rental assistance to assist families impacted by the economic recession. While the program is valuable it is also very complex. The Affordable Housing Trust does not have the capacity to administer this program. It may be possible to partner with a nonprofit or a housing authority. Presently the Leominster Housing Authority manages our housing programs.

Ms. Halpin shall prepare the annual report.

Mr. Barrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hadley and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert J. Barrell