



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

The Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes September 25, 2020

Members Present: Robert Barrell, Patricia Halpin, John Hadley, Anna Mary Kraemer, Marc Frieden

Also Present: Chris Rucho

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 5:30 pm. This meeting is virtual with the Zoom application. The required statement was read regarding the suspension of certain provisions of the open meeting law.

The Chairperson, Ms. Halpin, called the meeting to discuss the denial of the Affordable Housing Trust's funding request for \$25,000.00. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) denied the funding on a vote of four to three because the Trust had not spent the funds forwarded in the past two years. CPC members voiced that the proposal was too narrow and that town residents did not have a priority.

It was explained that it has been difficult for the Trust to find buildable town land. The Trust also strives to preserve the existing housing inventory. On a motion by Ms. Kraemer and seconded by Mr. Hadley that the Trust shall appeal the decision of the CPC as the Trust's capital needs must be nimble and accessible in order to execute a potential development contract. This motion was approved by all Trust members.

The Trust's proposal will be rewritten to be broader and reflect this need.

Mr. Barrell moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Frieden and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Barrell