



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

The Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes October 13, 2020

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

Also Present: Chris Rucho, Marica Cairns

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:05 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.

Ms. Cairns was invited to apply for membership to the Housing Trust. Ms. Cairns has been a long-term member of the Housing Authority and presently serves as the Chair. The Trust welcomes her experience.

Ms. Halpin is preparing a report on the activities of the Housing Trust to be delivered to the October Town meeting. This report will highlight the work of the Trust preserving the housing inventory, assisting the Zoning Board of Appeals and the quest for land to develop senior housing.

Ms. Halpin is concerned that the Town Meeting may not fund the requested \$25,000.00 for the Trust and therefore seeks support from the land use boards, that is, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A problem with abuse of the deed riders at the Alpha Terrace once again has been uncovered. It appears that owners may be renting units which is prohibited without permission of the monitoring agency CHAPA. It also appears that an owner has refinanced the property without required approval from the Town. The Trust may engage the housing consultant to investigate these issues. The Chairperson is going to ask the housing consultant to participate at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the Trust appeal to Town residents for donated land for the senior housing.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Barrell